

Section 74-488 Walls, fences, and hedges.

- a) A fence is defined, for the purpose of this section, as any partition, structure, wall, or gate erected as a divider marker, barrier or enclosure and located along the boundary, or within the required yard. For the purpose of this section, a fence shall not include naturally growing shrubs, trees or other foliage.
- b) No fence shall be erected or substantially altered in the City of Anoka without securing a permit from the Building Department. All such permits shall be issued upon a written application, which shall set fourth the type of fence to be constructed, the material to be used, height, and exact location of the fence. A fee as determined by resolution of the City Council shall be paid with each application.
- c) Fences, when constructed to enclose any lot or tract of land, shall be located in such a way that the entire fence shall be on the property of the owner. Posts and framework shall be placed within the property lines of the owner and the actual fencing material, such as chain link, lumber, pickets, etc., shall be placed on the side of the fence which faces the street or adjacent property.
- d) No fence shall be allowed or constructed on street right-of-ways. Fences may, by permit, be placed on public utility easements so long as the structures do not interfere in any way with existing underground or over ground utilities. The City or any easements shall not be liable for repair or replacement of such fences in the event they are moved, damaged or destroyed by virtue of the lawful use of said easement.
- e) In single and two-family residential districts, no fence may exceed four (4) feet in height above the ground level, in front of the front line of the residential structure, along any street or highway right-of-way, or in the front yard as defined by this ordinance. In these two districts, fences along the side lines to the rear line, including rear lines abutting street or highway right-of-way, may not exceed six (6) feet in height above the ground level.
- f) The required front yard of a corner lot shall not contain any fence which may cause danger to traffic on a street or public road, by obscuring driver's view. On corner lots, no fence shall be permitted within the intersection sight distance triangle.
- g) Off-street parking and loading zones and landscaped areas for non-residential and for multiple-family residential development adjoining one or two family residence districts shall be screened by a minimum of six (6) foot high fence and/or a planting buffer screen. Plans of such screen or fence shall be submitted for approval as part of the site plan review by the Planning Commission and the City Council. Such plans shall be part of the application for a building permit and such fence or landscaping shall be installed as part of the initial construction and be maintained in a slightly condition, compatible with the surrounding area.
- h) Every fence shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner and of substantial material reasonably suited to the purpose for which the fence is to be used. Cloth or canvas fences shall not be allowed. Barbed wire is not allowed in any residential district but may be installed in commercial or industrial districts with approval by the building inspector. Every fence shall be maintained in a good condition and good repair and shall not be allowed to become and remain in a condition, which would constitute a public nuisance or a dangerous condition. The Building Inspector is authorized to notify the owner or owners of the condition and allow owner or owners sixty (60) days in which to repair or demolish the fence.
- i) Fences shall be constructed in conformity with the wind, stress, and foundation, structural and other requirements of the State Building Code when applicable.