

Residential Fence Permit Application



City of Newport
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Newport, MN 55055
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Application Date: _____ Permit Number: _____

Property Address: _____

Owner: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Applicant: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ License Number: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Fence Material: _____ Valuation/Cost: _____

Contractors must be licensed by the City of Newport or Licensed by the Department of Labor
Applications must be accompanied with Fence Permit Supplement
For an inspection, please call Newport City Hall at 651-459-5677

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

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Re: Fence Permit Application Supplement for All Zoning Districts

The Fence regulations for Residential and Mixed Use-Zoning districts must abide by Ordinance Section 36-161 and are as follows:

The following standards are applicable to all districts within the city:

- (1) *Utilities location.* When practical and feasible, all utilities shall be placed underground. All groundwork shall be completed prior to street surfacing. All utility lines for telephone and electrical service shall be placed in rear line easements when carried on overhead poles.
- (2) *Fences.*
 - a. Fences in All Zoning Districts.
 1. A fence may be placed along a property line provided no physical damage of any kind results to the abutting property.
 2. The side of the fence considered the face (the finished side as opposed to the structural supports) shall face the abutting property.
 3. A fence shall be of one color or pattern, may not contain or support pictures, signage or lettering, and must be maintained in good condition and appearance.
 4. A fence shall only be constructed in a substantial, workmanlike manner and of materials reasonably suited for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. The city administrator or designee shall have final say regarding what materials are acceptable.
 5. No fence shall be constructed within public rights-of-way.
 6. Any fence placed within an easement that impedes the access or intended use of that easement may be removed by the city, city's representative, or utility company at the owner's expense.
 7. A fence shall not visually screen or interfere with streets, sidewalks, or vehicular traffic. No fence shall be closer than one foot from a public walkway.
 6. Permit. A permit is required for all fences installed in Newport after the adoption of this ordinance. It is unlawful for any person to construct or cause to be constructed any fence without first making an application for and securing a permit.
 - b. Fences in Business (B) and Industrial (I) Zoning Districts.
 1. Barbed wire. Barbed wire may be used for top fencing only around business and industrial uses where the base fence is at least six feet in height. The barbed wire portion of the fence may not exceed three strands, and shall have arms projecting into the applicant's property on which the barbed wire shall be fastened. The minimum height to the bottom strand of the barbed wire shall not be less than six feet from finished grade.
 2. A fence may be no more than 12 feet in height.
 3. In the I-S District, a fence at least six feet in height shall be required around all storage tanks.

- c. Fences in the Residential (R) and Mixed Use (MX) Zoning Districts.
1. A fence in the front yard shall be of one color or pattern, and may not contain signage or lettering that is visible to a public street or to adjacent properties.
 2. A fence may be no more than four feet in height in the front yard.
 3. A fence may be no more than six feet in height in a side or rear yard, unless the side or rear lot line is common with the front yard of an abutting lot, in which case the portion of the side or rear lot line equal to the required front yard of the abutting lot may have a fence no more than four feet in height.
 4. Except in the RE District, electric fences may not be used.
 5. Barbed wire fence material may be used for security purposes on the side and rear of nonresidential buildings in the MX districts with the approval of an administrative permit by the zoning administrator. The barbed wire portion of the fence shall not be placed in the front yard. Barbed wire may be used for top fencing only where the base fence is at least six feet in height. The barbed wire portion of the fence may not exceed three strands, and shall have arms projecting into the applicant's property on which the barbed wire must be fastened. The minimum height to the bottom strand of the barbed wire shall not be less than six feet from finished grade.
 6. Except in the RE District, welded wire shall not be used for fences on property boundaries.
 7. Welded wire may be used in the RE District for fences on property boundaries of rear yards.
 8. Welded wire may only be used for small enclosures in all districts to protect vegetation such as trees, gardens, plants, and bushes.
 9. Except in the RE District, snow fences may not be used for fences.
 10. Snow fences may be erected in the RE District for controlling snow between November 1 and April 15. All snow fences must be removed by April 16.

Questions regarding City Code can be directed to City Hall by calling 651-459-5677. The City Code can also be found online at www.ci.newport.mn.us/city_code.php.

Applicant Name Applicant Signature Date