

# Fence Permit

## DEFINITIONS

- ◆ A fence is an enclosure or barrier constructed which is used to delineate boundary, provide screening, or prevent access to or from the area enclosed

## REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Fences and walls not exceeding 6 feet in height are permitted within the limits of side and rear yards.
- ◆ Fences and walls not exceeding 4 feet in height are permitted within the limits of the front yard.
- ◆ Fences can be constructed directly on lot line.
- ◆ In an M District, fences and walls shall not exceed a height of 8 feet.
- ◆ All fences shall be constructed so that the outward-facing side is finished.
- ◆ Fences should not impede the use of any easement located on the property. For instance, a solid wood privacy fence cannot block the flow of water in a drainage easement.

## VISION CLEARANCE

- ◆ The City requires certain areas of property to remain free and clear of visual obstructions. See the opposite side of this sheet for specifics on visual clearance.



## PERMITS

- ◆ A permit is required by the City of Norwalk before the erection, construction, alteration, placing or locating of any fence.
- ◆ The price of a fence permit is \$30.
- ◆ In some cases, additional documentation or agreements may be required depending on where your fence is proposed to be erected. Contact us for more information.

## PROCESS

- ◆ Obtain and fill out a permit application from Development Services Department at Norwalk City Hall or online at: [www.norwalk.iowa.gov](http://www.norwalk.iowa.gov)
- ◆ Submit a completed application with a copy of the plans, specs; including details of the proposed size, location, and materials used.
- ◆ After an application and all required information has been submitted, the Department has 12 business days to review the application.
- ◆ You will be notified by telephone or email of approval and any fees.
- ◆ Once the permit has been approved and paid for, you may begin your project.



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## VISION CLEARANCE

- ◆ The City requires certain areas of property to remain free and clear of visual obstructions.

## REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Nothing shall be erected, placed, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to impede vision between a height of 2.5 feet and 10 feet in the vision clearance area. Vision clearance areas for intersections, driveways, and undeveloped property are as shown on the following diagrams

