

FENCES



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PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

All fences must have a permit. Before coming to the permit counter at the Ellisville City Hall you need to prepare and bring the following items with you:

- ⇒ Three copies of a current site plan drawn to scale showing existing structures and the proposed improvements with dimensions to the property lines and setback lines. Show all items that will be altered by the construction of the fence. Indicate patterns and direction of all surface drainage.
- ⇒ Three copies of a drawing of a typical section of fence. Provide the length, width and height of the typical section of fence. Provide depths and widths of piers, if piers are used.

The property owner shall be responsible for reviewing subdivision indentures, if applicable, prior to submitting a fence permit application. **The City of Ellisville does not enforce subdivision rules or regulations.**

The average review takes approximately 2 to 3 working days. When the plans have been reviewed, the petitioner will be notified.

Fees: **(no fees are assessed for a fence permit)**

All fences requiring a footing/pier shall have the following:

Footings/piers need to be 30" deep with a minimum of 6" into undisturbed soil. All piers must be called in for an inspection.

SPECIFICATIONS:

All fences shall comply with Section 400.360 of the City of Ellisville Zoning regulations as follows:

1. Fences cannot exceed six (6) feet in height, measured vertically between the lowest and highest points of the fence paneling, with the exception of hedges and shrubs, which do not have a height restriction. Post caps and finials cannot exceed seven (7) feet in height, measured from the base of the post.
2. Fences shall not impede the view of any intersection and shall not be constructed within the sight

distance triangle (twenty-five (25) feet of the street intersection) as shown in the diagram.

3. The finished side of the fence shall face outward for that portion of the fence facing the street(s) and/or adjacent property.
4. No fence may be built forward of the required front building line, unless the following requirements are met:

Front Building Line Defined

The front building line is an open area extending across the full width of a lot between a principal building and roadway right of way and/or lot lines. Where the lot is located at the intersection of two or more streets, there shall be a front building line for each street.

The City of Ellisville does not restrict the location of fences along the side or rear yards, as long as the footings are within the property. Homeowners should check indentures or other instruments on fences, including easements to utility companies. The City of Ellisville does not maintain records of such items.

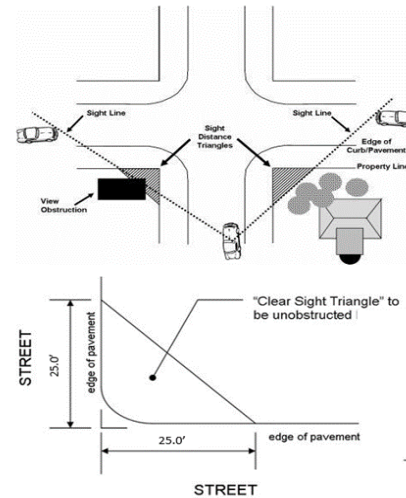
a. Said fence shall be decorative or ornamental and shall be restricted to four (4) feet in height, measured vertically between the lowest and highest points of the fence paneling, and shall be at least fifty percent (50%) open.

Exception: Stone or brick walls shall not exceed three (3) feet in height and need not be at least fifty percent (50%) open.

b. Post caps and finials may not exceed five (5) feet in height, measured

from the base of the post.

- c. Chain-link fences, wire fences, wire mesh fences, snow fences or fences constructed in any part with such materials shall not be considered decorative or ornamental.
- d. If it is unclear as to whether a proposed fence is decorative, the City Council shall make the determination that the material and style of the fence embellish, enhance or add to the attractiveness of the building and site and are harmonious with the adjacent buildings, landscaping and other fences and do not diminish their attractiveness.



5. If a fence is to abut the front yard of a residentially used property, said fence shall meet the requirements of Subsection (4)(a) through (4)(d), above.

6. Fences abutting a residential zoning district from a commercial, institutional or light industrial use shall be sight-proof and shall be six (6) feet in height, or a height as required by the Council.

7. All fences shall comply with the provisions of Section 400.170 and Section 400.480 of City Code.

PROHIBITED FENCES:

- ⇒ Chain-link fences are prohibited in all zoning districts. See EXCEPTIONS below.
- ⇒ The erection of concertina, barbed-wire, electrified or other fencing or fencing materials deemed harmful to humans is prohibited in all zoning districts.

EXCEPTIONS:

- ⇒ Chain-link fences may be allowed for single-family and institutional uses, gardens and planter beds with the approval of the Council.
- ⇒ Existing chain-link fences in the "R-1" Single-Family Residential Zoning District may be replaced with chain-link fencing without Council approval.

WAIVERS:

The City Council shall have the authority to waive any of the requirements of this Section. To apply for a waiver, please submit a letter addressed to City Council describing your request. The letter may be mailed or emailed, and must be received at least 7 days prior to the City Council meeting date. The City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

If you have any questions regarding fence permits in the City of Ellisville, please call 636-227-9660.