



# City of West Chicago

Community Development Department  
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## APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT

Permit Number: _____
Permit Fee: \$ _____
<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Property Owner) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of SUBDIVISION/if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone)

**TYPE OF FENCE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Metal chain-link    \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic chain-link    \_\_\_\_\_ Stockade    \_\_\_\_\_ Shadowbox

Other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIMENSIONS (ft):**

\_\_\_\_\_ height in front yard    and/or    \_\_\_\_\_ height in rear yard

**ZONING OF PROPERTY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ residential    \_\_\_\_\_ commercial/industrial

**ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH SURVEY OR SITE PLAN INDICATING LOCATION AND DIMENSIONS OF PROPOSED FENCE, RESIDENCE, STREETS, AND ANY ALLEYS



*See fence requirements, attached*



**STATEMENT OF APPLICANT:**

I certify that all of the above statements are true and accurate and that all work performed as outlined above will be in accordance with the description that accompanies this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Permit Issued

Permit Denied – Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Fence Requirements—Residential

**-- In the front yard, only decorative fences are allowed. Chain-link fences are prohibited.**

A *decorative fence* is defined as that type of fence which is made of wood, iron or other similar material, excluding fences made of wire mesh and wire fabric (such as chain link), not exceeding more than four feet (4') in height and is essentially for decorative purposes only and whose sole intention is not to be used as an enclosure, barrier or means of protection or confinement.

**-- All framing on a fence shall face the interior of the lot on which the fence is erected.**

**-- Both street frontages on a “through lot” shall be deemed front lot lines, but there shall be a common front in the case of at least two contiguous “through lots.”**

**-- No permanent fence or retaining wall shall be erected within any public street or alley right-of-way. Fences erected on public easements or across ditches shall be so constructed that drainage shall not be obstructed. The property owner shall be solely responsible for removal and/or replacement of said fence, such as for fence maintenance or other such purpose.**

**-- Privacy fences immediately adjacent to patios or first floor decks shall be permitted to a height of six feet (6') as measured from the top of the patio or deck. A privacy fence immediately adjacent to a deck other than a first floor deck shall be permitted to a height of five feet (5') as measured from the top of the deck. Said privacy fences shall not exceed a total of ten lineal feet (10') and shall not require a permit.**

**-- Fences on corner lots shall not exceed three feet (3') in height within the visibility triangle—see attached illustration**

## Fence Requirements—Commercial & Manufacturing

**-- Fences shall be permitted in interior side yards and rear yards to a height not to exceed eight feet (8').**

**-- Fences shall be permitted in front yards to a height not to exceed four feet (4') in commercially zoned districts and six feet (6') in manufacturing zoned districts.**

**-- Fences on corner lots—see residential requirements**

**-- No barbed wire, razor wire, or other sharp or hazardous materials are allowed unless approved through a special use permit for outdoor storage.**

No electrically charged fences are allowed in any zoning district.