Fences

A building permit is required for the installation of any fence. The maximum height for most fences is 42 inches and must be at least 50 percent open. Fences around swimming pools must be a minimum of 48 inches in height. The use of chain link fencing is limited as noted below. Some subdivisions do not allow fencing, check with your homeowner association prior to applying for a fence permit.

Excerpt from the Zoning Ordinance:

Fences, open, and gates, whether or not connected to a fence, not more than 42 inches in height. Chainlink or wire fence, where permitted as set forth below, shall be at least 9-gauge wire, shall be constructed with a top member or brace with a knuckle design, shall be a wire material (finished side) facing the neighboring property, shall be painted or coated in a dark color (e.g., black, brown or dark green), shall not include slats and shall be landscaped with bushes or trees on both sides of the fence, except for dog runs/kennels, which shall be so landscaped on the outside of the fence.

Location	Use Of Chainlink Fence	Exceptions - Limitations - Notes
Buildable area	Not permitted	Exception for dog runs/kennels, as provided herein. See*
In any front or side yard	Not permitted	No exceptions
In any rear yard	Permitted with limitations	6-foot high chainlink fences only permitted if lot abuts the village's boundary with another municipality.
Surrounding subdivisions	Permitted with limitations	42-inch high chainlink fences if landscaped on both sides with year round plantings.
Swimming pools	Not permitted	Note: Pool fence must be a minimum of 48-inches high, <i>nonchainlink fences</i> . Must provide same level of security as chainlink.
Sports courts/fields	Permitted with limitations	Includes courts for tennis, basketball and hockey, and fields for baseball.
Construction sites	Permitted with limitations	Temporary use
Road ROW	Permitted with limitations	Located along county, state and federal highways only.
Dog runs/kennels*	Permitted with limitations	Permitted in buildable area only. Nonchainlink fence material is required if located in any required yard.

In the event that a yard is enclosed with a chainlink fence as of **August 12**, **2003**, and in the event that one side of the fence enclosure is on a neighbor's property and the neighbor removes the chainlink fence, the owner may continue to enclose his/her yard with a chainlink fence by constructing a new fence on the owner's property to replace the fence removed by the neighbor.