



4800 W. Green Brook Drive, Brown Deer WI  
53223

414-371-3000 - Building Inspection



## **BROWN DEER FENCE REGULATIONS**

**BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED: FEE \$70.00**

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Fence:** A structure or wall which is a barrier and used as a boundary or means of protection, confinement or screening.

**Fence, Open:** A fence, including gates, which has, for each one foot wide segment extending over the entire length and height of a fence, 50% of the surface area in open spaces which afford a direct view through the fence, such as chain link and wooden open weave, picket or lattice fences.

**Fence, Solid:** A fence, including gates, which conceals from view from adjoining properties, streets or alleys, activities conducted behind it such as stockade, dog ear or shadow box fences.

- A.** The following fences and uses are permitted and may be located in the interior side yards and rear yards:
1. Fence, Open: Not more than five (5') feet in height, except in Business and Manufacturing Zoning Districts. Such fences may be higher and in Manufacturing Districts open fences may be located in the front yard.
  2. Fence, Solid: Not more than six (6') feet in height in Business and residential Zoning Districts, not more than eight (8') feet in Manufacturing Zoning Districts.
- B.** No barbed wire, chicken wire or electrically charged fences shall be allowed except that in Business and Manufacturing Zoning Districts barbed wire may be allowed on the top of a fence six (6') or more in height.
- C.** All perimeter or border fences within five (5') feet of a lot line shall be constructed with the finished or decorative side facing the adjacent or abutting properties.
- D.** Fences may be installed in all yards except front yards and side yards adjoining a street. This means that fences **may not** be constructed in front of your home or, if located on a corner, fences **may not** be constructed in the side yard of your home that adjoins the street.
- E.** Fences can be constructed within an easement on the property, but it is **not recommended**. If a Utility company needs to get back into the easement for whatever reason, and a section of your fence needs to be removed, the expense to replace or reinstall the removed portion is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**, not the Utility companies.
- F.** Your fence location and construction details must be submitted to the Building Inspection Department **BEFORE** the fence may be constructed.
1. Indicate on a copy of your plat survey where the proposed fencing will be located.
  2. Bring information about your choice of fencing when you apply for your permit, i.e. type, height, etc. Also bring a brochure which illustrates your choice if fencing.

**If you have any questions regarding the above outlined regulations, please contact the Village of Brown Deer Building Inspection Department at 414-371-3030.**