



City of Anoka ~ 2015 First Avenue ~ Anoka, MN 55303

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2026 Fence Permit Application

Site address: _____

The Applicant is: _____ The Owner _____ Contractor _____
Applicant contact name and phone #: _____

Property Owner:

Name: _____
Address, City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

Contractor:

Name _____
Address, City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

Fencing material _____ Height _____ Project value \$ _____



Provide aerial sketch of property with proposed structures, show distance between property lines and structures
Return this page only. Keep pages 2 and 3 for your records.

How do you prefer to receive your permit?

Will pick up **USPS** **Email:** _____

Fence permit fee \$75.00 or if paying with credit card via phone add \$3.25 = \$ 78.25

Visa, Master Card, Discover, check or exact cash

The undersigned hereby agrees that in case such permit is granted; that all work which shall be done and all materials which shall comply with the plans and specification therefore herewith submitted and with all the ordinance of said City of Anoka and State Building Code applicable therein.

Applicant signature _____

Print name _____ Date _____

Community development department approval

_____ Date _____

Sec. 78-562. Walls, fences, and hedges.

- (a) A fence is defined, for the purpose of this section, as any partition, structure, wall, or gate erected as a divider marker, barrier or enclosure and located along the boundary, or within the required yard. For the purpose of this section, a fence shall not include naturally growing shrubs, trees or other foliage.
- (b) No fence shall be erected or substantially altered in the city without securing a permit from the building inspector. All such permits shall be issued upon a written application which shall set forth the type of fence to be constructed, the material to be used, the height and exact location of the fence. A fee as determined by the city council shall be paid with each application.
- (c) Fences, when constructed to enclose any lot or tract of land, shall be located in such a way that the entire fence shall be on the property of the owner. Posts and framework shall be placed within the property lines of the owner and the actual fencing material, such as chain link, lumber, pickets, etc., shall be placed on the side of the fence which faces the street or adjacent property.
- (d) No fence shall be allowed or constructed on-street rights-of-way. Fences may, by permit, be placed on public utility easements so long as the structures do not interfere in any way with existing underground or aboveground utilities. The city or any utility company having authority to use such easements, shall not be liable for repair or replacement of such fences in the event they are moved, damaged or destroyed by virtue of the lawful use of such easement.
- (e) *Fence heights in residential districts.*
 - (1) *Fence height is measured from the fence owner's yard grade to the top of the fence.*
 - (2) *Fences 4 feet in height or less may be placed anywhere on a lot, unless otherwise restricted.*
 - (3) *Fences above 4 feet in height up to a maximum of 6 feet in height may be placed anywhere on a lot but not in a front yard.*
 - a. *On riparian lots, the front yard is defined as the yard which abuts the water.*
 - b. *Riparian lots also abutting a public right-of-way shall be considered to have two front yards.*
 - c. *Corner lots and through lots shall be considered to have two front yards.*
 - d. *Lots that have no defined front yard shall be designated a single front yard as determined by the Zoning Administrator.*
- (f) The required front yard of a corner lot shall not contain any fence which may cause danger to traffic on a street or public road, by obscuring a driver's view. On corner lots, no fence shall be permitted within the intersection sight distance triangle.
- (g) Off-street parking and loading zones and landscaped areas for nonresidential and for multifamily residential development adjoining one- or two-family residence districts shall be screened by a minimum of a six-foot high fence or a planting buffer screen. Plans of such screen or fence shall be submitted for approval as part of the site plan review by the planning commission and the city council. Such plans shall be part of the application for a building permit and such fence or landscaping shall be installed as part of the initial construction and be maintained in a slightly condition, compatible with the surrounding area.
- (h) Every fence shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner and of substantial material reasonably suited to the purpose for which the fence is to be used. Barbed wire is not allowed in any residence district but may be installed in commercial or industrial districts with approval by the building inspector.
 - (1) *Fence materials.* The following fence materials are allowed in all residential districts unless otherwise stated in this chapter:
 - a. Treated wood, cedar or redwood;
 - b. Composite, including plastic or simulated wood;
 - c. Decorative rick or stone;
 - d. Wrought iron or aluminum designed to simulate wrought iron;
 - e. Coated or noncoated chain link;
 - f. Split rail;
 - g. Other materials or fence types approved by the city.
 - (2) *Maintenance.* Every fence shall be maintained in a condition of good repair and shall not be allowed to become and remain in a condition that would constitute a public nuisance or a dangerous condition. The building inspector is authorized to notify the owner to the condition and allow the owner 60 days in which to repair or demolish the fence.
 - (3) *Construction standards.* Fences shall be constructed in conformity with the wind, stress, foundation, structural and other requirements of the state building code when applicable. (Prior Code, § 74-488)