

# FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION



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## RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS

Permit Fee: \$ 45.00

- An application for a fence permit shall include a complete site plan of the lot and the proposed fence with the height of the desired fence.
- In any special or residential district, fences may be erected along a lot line or adjacent thereto to a height not exceeding six (6) feet above the ground level. Fences erected in a required front or street side yard and located less than four (4) feet from the street lot line shall not exceed a height greater than four (4) feet above the ground level, provided, however, that within ten (10) feet from any driveway crossing of a street lot line, any fencing shall not exceed two (2) feet in height.
- Fences may be built on the property line if both neighbors agree. This practice helps with the maintenance of the fence and future sales of the property. Adjacent property owner will be contacted to verify placement of fence. The placement of the fence may need to be set off of property line in some instances; the Building Official will make this determination.
- Fences in the front yards shall not interfere with traffic site, Le Mars Code of Ordinance Section 151.19\*. The Building Official will make this determination.
- Fences will not be allowed in drainage ways. If a fence is requested to be put on an easement, the property owner must have permission from the Building Official and the holder of the easement.
- In any commercial or manufacturing district, no required fencing shall be erected along a lot line or adjacent thereto to a height exceeding eight (8) feet above the ground level.

**The verification of lot pins is required before a fence permit will be issued. The pins must be visible to the building official to verify authenticity. The building official may require missing pins to be reestablished by a licensed surveyor. This practice helps in any future questions that may arise from the placement of the fence.**

\* 151.19 VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS. On a corner lot in any residential district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of two and one-half (2 ½) and ten (10) feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along said street lines twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersection of the right-of-way lines.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, live at \_\_\_\_\_

(your printed name)

(address)

am proposing to put up a fence on my property and would like to place said fence on my property line(s), which would also be the property line(s) of my adjoining neighbors. Said fence would follow the Le Mars City Code of Ordinances Zoning Regulations, 167.15(3)(D) and 151.19 Visibility at Intersections. I have spoken to my adjoining neighbors about my proposed fence being placed on the property line(s) and have shown my adjoining neighbors of my proposed fence being placed on the adjoining property line(s) . If permission is not granted by your adjoining property neighbors, you will **NOT** be granted permission to place your proposed fence on the property line(s). It is **YOUR** responsibility to properly locate your property lines.

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(Signature)

(Date)

(Phone)

**Adjoining Neighbors**

My adjoining neighbor (above), has spoken to me and has showed me, that he/she is proposing to place a fence on the property line that adjoins our properties. I understand that he/she will follow the Le Mars City Code of Ordinances pertaining to said fence. I have no objections to my adjoining neighbor to place a fence on the property line(s) between our properties.

**Neighbor 1**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Neighbor 2**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Neighbor 3**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION**  
**FEE \$ 45.00**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Fence Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Fence Material: \_\_\_\_\_

Height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_ \* 8' fence is allowed on commercial properties

Location of fence on property:    Front Yard    Side Yard    Rear Yard

Valuation of fence: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Include a site plan depicting the proposed location of the fence and measurements to lot lines and structures.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS IS NOT THE FENCE PERMIT. PLEASE ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 3 BUSINESS DAYS FOR REVIEW OF THIS APPLICATION AND THE FENCE PERMIT TO BE PROCESSED.**