



Village of Melrose Park Building Department Requirements for Residential Fence Installation

1. A building permit and a plat of survey are required for the erection of any fence.
 2. All fence contractors who install fences must be licensed in Melrose Park.
 3. A plat of survey must be presented for a building permit for the installation of a fence. This assures that the fence will be erected on your personal property and not any public right-of-way or on another lot.
 4. Postholes must be at a minimum of 36" to 42" deep. A posthole inspection is required prior to posts being placed.
 5. All fences adjacent to a public sidewalk, alley or right-of-way must be 1 foot away from that sidewalk or alley and on your personal property.
 6. No sharp points are permitted on any fence, regardless of the material used or its location on the property.
 7. All fences at the front of a property may not exceed 4 feet in height. The material must be metal of a see-through type. No wood, vinyl or chain link allowed.
 8. No homes in the Winston Park subdivision may have a fence at the front of their property.
 9. No fence cannot go over the property line and may not exceed 6 feet in height.
 10. All fences at the side or sides of the building may not extend beyond the end of the front building line.
 11. No solid fences may be erected at intersections of streets, alleys or driveways where they can block the view of traffic.
 12. The finished side of the fence must face out toward the neighboring property.
 13. No barbed wire on any residential fence. Only exceptions are in industrial or light manufacturing zoned areas and in extremely hazardous or dangerous locations. This can only be done with the express permission of the building commissioner.
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