



RESIDENTIAL FENCES

City of Prior Lake Requirements

This handout is intended to be a guide only.

Specific code language can be found in the City Codes at:

PriorLakeMN.gov

(Services - Planning and Zoning - City Code - Chapter 10: Zoning Code)

(Section 10-729 Fences and Walls)

PERMIT REQUIRED:

A BUILDING PERMIT is required prior to the installation of any fence greater than seven (7) feet in height. A ZONING PERMIT is required prior to the installation of any fence seven (7) feet in height or less. A survey or site plan showing the location of the fence in relation to the property lines is required with the application.

HEIGHT LIMITATIONS:

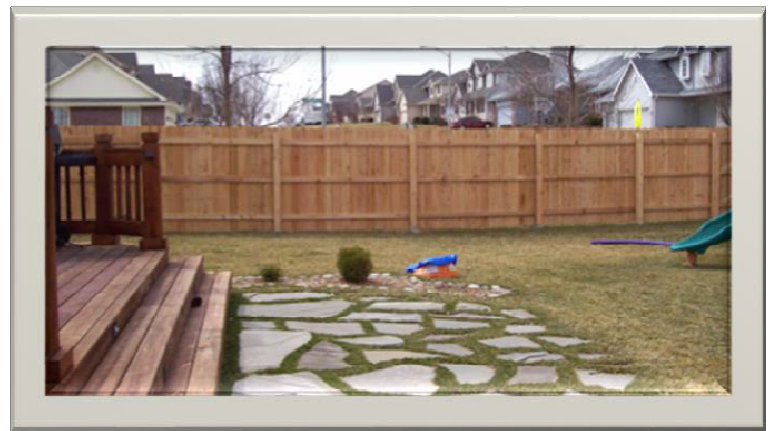
(Front Yard)): Four (4) feet maximum height; minimum of 50% opacity (leaving 50% open for the passage of air and light); limited to decorative fences, such as picket fences, split rail fences, and decorative iron fences.

(Side Yard, Rear Yard & Side Yard Abutting a Street): Six (6) feet maximum height with no minimum opacity requirement.

Chain Link Fences are not permitted in the Front Yard.



The 'finished' side of the fence (having no structural supports) must face to the outside, away from the property being fenced.



QUESTIONS:

Community Development
Department
(952) 447-9810

planning@PriorLakeMN.gov

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TRAFFIC VISIBILITY:

No fence shall be permitted which is not in compliance with Zoning Ordinance Section 10-730 (Traffic Visibility).

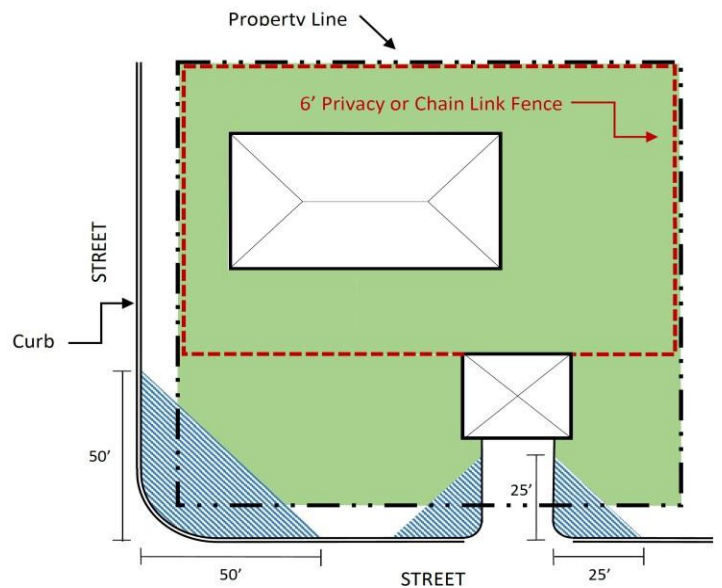
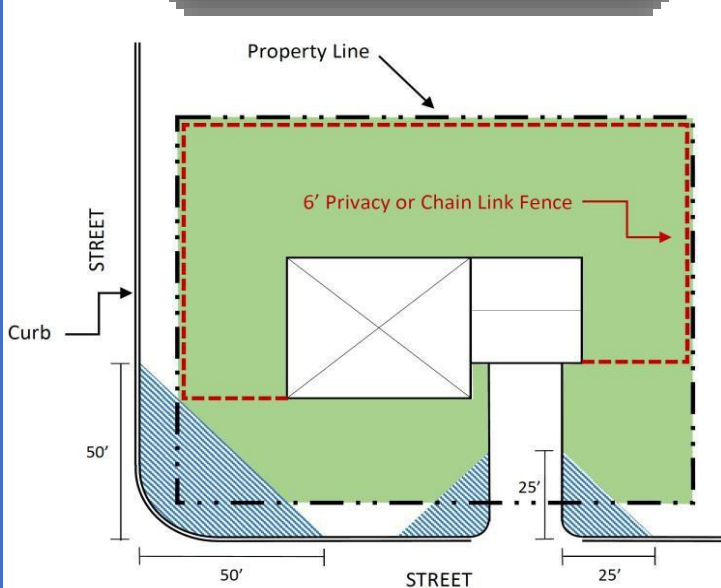
- No fence shall be constructed above a height of 30 inches within any 25' sight triangle abutting any driveway.



LOCATION:

Fence location, height and opacity are regulated by the City of Prior Lake Zoning Ordinance (Section 10-729) based upon the type of lot and zoning use district.

- Fences, including footings, shall be located entirely upon the private property for which the permit has been issued.
- No fence shall be located within a public easement, except by written permission of the City Engineer. Written permission will not be granted if there are public utilities within easement area.
- A fence exceeding four (4) feet in height shall be located behind the front corner of the principal building. In the event a detached accessory structure is located in front of the principal building, a fence exceeding four (4) feet in height may be located behind the rear corner of the detached accessory structure.



PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION:

- ✓ Check recorded documents at Scott County to determine if fences are prohibited by restrictive covenants (952) 496-8150
- ✓ Call the Prior Lake Planning Department to determine specific regulations and to obtain a permit application (952) 447-9810
- ✓ Call Gopher State One before digging (651) 454-0002

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