



City of Tuscola
Building Department
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Guidelines for Building a Fence

1. Make sure your fence meets City zoning requirements:

- a. Fences are allowed in front yards, side and rear yards
- b. Corner lots have two front yards, two side yards and no rear yards
- c. Fences may be built up to the property lines, but not on or over the line. Must be on own property. Know property lines to avoid possible disputes with a neighbor. The city does not locate property lines or mediate property line disputes resulting from misplaced fences.
- d. Fences may not block drainage
- e. Fences 6' in height are required around new inground swimming pools
- f. Fences cannot exceed 30" in height in front yards and 6' in height in side and rear yards
- g. The finished or "good" side of the fence must face out
- h. Fence posts must be on the owner's side with post sunk to a depth of at least 24"
- i. No electric fences, barbed wire or spikes are allowed
- j. Fences may be located in an easement; However, if a fence is located within an easement, the fence may be moved and/or destroyed in the course of work within an easement. The property owner will not be compensated for any damage

Deed restrictions or covenants may also prohibit certain kinds of fences or specify allowed locations of fences in the subdivision. The city does not regulate or enforce deed restrictions, homeowners or civic associations in a subdivision.

2. Submit the following materials to the City:

- a. Completed permit application
- b. A site plan showing where the fence will be located on the property
(can use aerial from the County GIS)
- c. Permit fee of \$25

3. Request a J.U.L.I.E. utility locate (1.800.892.0123 or www.illinois1call.com) at least 48 hours prior to starting work

4. A Building permit must be approved and issued before any work is started

(Allow 2-3 business days for review and processing)