



LAKESHORE PROPERTY FENCE REGULATIONS

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Location

Fences are permitted up to a property line but may not be within an easement. The fence owner is responsible for locating property lines and identifying any easements before construction of a fence. A required yard is measured from the property line. The street property line is not the curb or edge of the road surface. The property owner is responsible for locating this property line. If the property owner is unsure a surveyor should be contacted to locate property boundaries.

Fences may not be erected within the required lakeshore setback. Those setbacks are as follows:

- 75 feet from Lake Minnetonka and Forest Lake (*General Development Lakes*);
- 100 feet from Long Lake, Mooney Lake and Tanager Lake (*Recreational Development Lakes*); and
- 150 feet from Lake Classen, Dickey Lake, French Lake (South Basin only) and Lydiard Lake (*Natural Environment Lakes*)

Permits

Permits are not required for fences but they still must comply with the height and location restrictions.

Drainage & Utility Easements

Fences are not permitted within easements for drainage and/or utilities without special permission from the City Engineer. Contact the City Engineer at 952.249.4661.

Materials and Maintenance

Fences must be installed with the finished side facing neighboring properties or the street. The term "finished side" means that side having no structural supports

The fence owner must maintain it in a condition of reasonable repair and appearance and not allow it to become or remain in disrepair or in a dangerous condition.

Fire Hydrant Access

No fence may obstruct free access to a fire hydrant.

Swimming Pool Fences

The City does not require fences around swimming pools.

Height Limitations

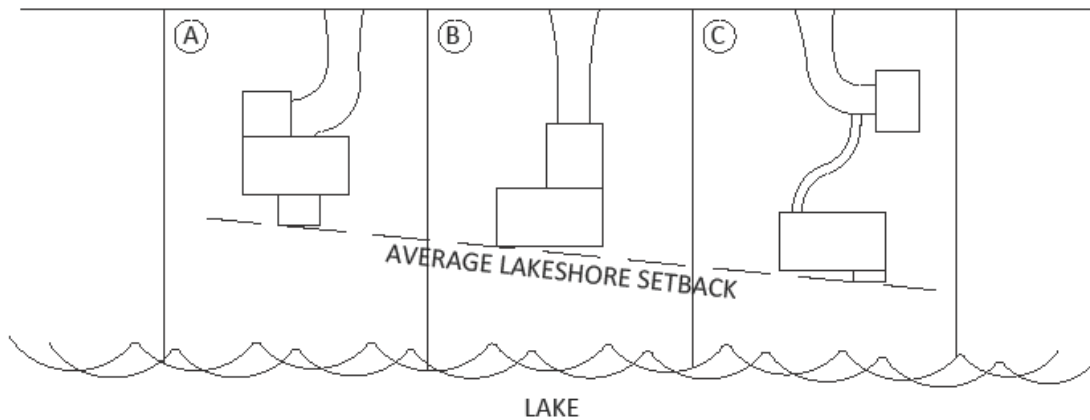
Fence height is measured from existing ground level to the top of the fence panel. (Note: Along a County Road or State Highway, the combined height of both fence and any fill shall not exceed six feet above the road or highway.)

To determine the zoning district for your property check the City's website for the "Zoning Map" under "Maps" or contact the Planning and Zoning Department. The zoning code defines *yards* in a way that may be different from your definition. Yards are measured from the property line.

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Height Limitations (continued)

Between the required lake setback and the average lakeshore setback line a fence may not exceed 42 inches in height. For the purpose of determining fence height "average lakeshore setback line" means a line drawn between the most lakeward projections of the fence owner's two neighboring homes.



Fences within the required rear street yard may not exceed 42 inches in height. The required street yard setbacks are:

- 50 feet in the LR-1A and RR-1B districts
- 30 feet in the LR-1B and LR-1C districts

Exception: The top rail of a three-rail, split rail fence may be up to 48 inches high. A fence along a County Road or State Highway may be up to six feet high.

Fences within the required side street yard may not exceed 42 inches in height. The required side street yard setbacks are:

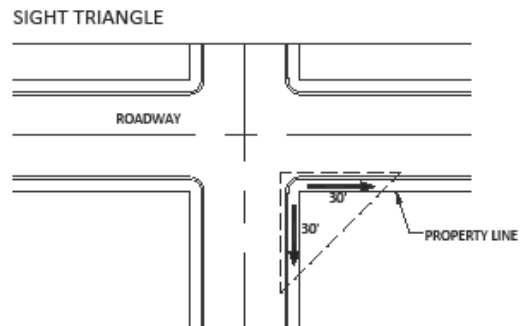
- 50 feet in the LR-1A and RR-1B districts
- 30 feet in the LR-1B district
- 15 feet in the LR-1C districts

Exception: The top rail of a three-rail, split rail fence may be up to 48 inches high.

Fences within the required interior side yard may not exceed 6 feet in height. The required interior side yard setbacks are:

- 30 feet in the LR-1A and RR-1B districts
- 10 feet in the LR-1B and LR-1C districts

On a corner lot fences may not exceed 36 inches in height within the sight triangle. The sight triangle is defined as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the projected curblines of two intersecting streets; thence 30 feet along one curbline; thence diagonally to a point 30 feet from the point of beginning on the other curbline; thence to the point of beginning.



For More Information

Contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 952-249-4620 or planning@ci.orono.mn.us.

Reference: City Code Section 78-1405(7)

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Note: This is only an information sheet. Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the information contained herein; however, if any information is not consistent with provisions of the City Code, the Code provisions will prevail.