

FENCE INSTALLATION

BEFORE ERECTING A FENCE

CHECK THE FOLLOWING BUILDING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CUDAHY'S CODE

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- A permit is required.
- A fence must be a minimum 2' from alley pavement. In all other areas, a fence may be constructed "up to" property line. Your submittal **must include a Plat of Survey** and the proposed fence location on your property indicated on the survey.
- A fence may not extend into the front yard of any building.
- Fences located on corner Lots: A meeting must be arranged so that a representative from the Inspection Department can discuss the proposed corner location, type, and height of proposed fence, requirements for vision triangles for pedestrians safety or vehicular traffic, general layout, or any issues that may be unique to your location.
- A fence shall be constructed with the finished or decorative side facing an adjacent or abutting property or public street. Fence posts shall be on the same side of the fence facing the permit applicant's property.
- All fences shall be maintained in good repair and in structurally sound condition. All fences shall be constructed and maintained in good aesthetic condition and in such a manner and of such materials and colors so as not to adversely affect the value of adjoining property or property in the immediate neighborhood. Fences may be not be constructed or maintained in a manner which is detrimental to human life or safety or causes a traffic hazard. All fences shall be constructed and maintained straight, plumb, and have an even height along its length, except for such deviations as are required by grade or design. Chain link fences shall not contain plastic privacy slats.
- In any district, the appropriate use of "reclaimed" material in the construction of a fence shall require Plan Commission approval.
- Electric fences shall not be permitted anywhere in the City.
- The use of barbed wire shall not be permitted anywhere in the city, except in industrial districts where security fences may include up to four (4) strands of barbed wire on top of the fence, provided that the barbed wire is stretched and not rolled and is at least eight (8) feet above grade with the vertical supports for the barbed wire either extending vertically or directed to the applicants property.
- The maximum height for fences in all districts, except industrial districts, shall be six (6) feet, measured from the ground level at the base of the fence to the top of the fence, excluding posts. The maximum height in industrial districts shall be eight (8) feet, measured from the ground level at the base of the fence to the top of the fence, excluding posts and any additional barbed wire on top of the fence. Total height, including barbed wire, shall not exceed 10 feet.

REMEMBER:

Proper placement and installation are your responsibility. If you are not sure ask us!

This informational sheet is not intended to be a "How to Install a Fence". It has been prepared to answer commonly asked questions. Proper location and construction is the responsibility of the owner or his designated agent. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK (414-769-2209)