

# VILLAGE OF THORNTON FENCE REQUIREMENTS

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## **FENCES ERECTED OR CONSTRUCTED IN THE VILLAGE SHALL COFORM TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:**

All fences constructed in the Village may be erected to a height not to exceed six feet (6') from normal grade level.

No barbed wire or barbed wire fences shall be allowed on private property in residential zones.

No fence shall be constructed of material obviously intended to inflict great bodily harm should a person or animal attempt to climb or scale it. Such material includes, but is not limited to, electrically charged wires or other electrical conduit, broken glass, razor blades, and sharp or ragged metal spikes or spears.

All fences shall be constructed in conformity with the wind, stress, foundation, structural and other requirements of the building codes and laws of the Village.

All fences shall be maintained in good, structurally sound repair and in a neat, clean, presentable and attractive condition.

No fence, nor anything similar, shall be located on any lot nearer to the front lot line than the building setback line applicable to said lot and adjoining lots.

No fence, nor anything similar, shall be located on a corner lot within the required front or side yard space on the street sides of said lot.

No fence, nor anything similar, shall be erected or located within thirty feet (30') of a street intersection.

If a fence is erected to include a utility easement, such fence may be required to be removed by either the utility company involved or the Village, for the purpose of installing, maintaining or repairing a utility without any responsibility on the part of either the utility company or the Village for damages or replacement.

Fences shall be constructed so that the structural elements or support are located on the side of the fence facing towards the property on which the fence is constructed.

Post holes shall be at least 6 inches in diameter. Post holes for fences over four feet in height shall be a minimum of 42 inches deep. Post holes for fences 4 feet or less in height shall be a minimum of 36 inches deep.

All fences shall be placed wholly upon applicant's property unless an attachment is made to an existing fence. When an attachment is made to an existing fence not owned by applicant, written consent of the fence owner must be obtained. All fences shall be located so that both sides can be maintained.