



## Informational Handout

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BUSINESS & INDUSTRIAL FENCES**

#### **Do I need a Building Permit?**

Building Permits are required for all fences. A completed application form, including a to-scale site plan (two copies of the plan must be submitted along with the application form to staff) showing lot lines, the location of all other structures on the lot and the location of the proposed fencing, as well as applicable fees, are required.

#### **Where can I locate a fence on my property?**

Fences are permitted on your private property, set back at least 1 foot from the lot line. Fences may not be located within public easements. For all lots except corner lots, fences must not exceed a maximum of 6 feet in height within business districts and eight feet in height within industrial districts. For corner lots, fences cannot exceed 2 ½ feet in height when they are located within 30 feet of the intersection of two streets. All fences must be constructed with the finished side facing out and be maintained in reasonable repair.

#### **When is a screening fence necessary and what are the requirements?**

Screening fences are only required when a commercial or industrial property abuts a residential property and to screen permitted outdoor storage on industrial properties.

For industrial properties, outdoor storage must be screened, located to the rear of the building, and may occupy no more than 25% of the total lot area. The screening fence must be setback at least 1 foot from the lot lines and be opaque on at least two sides, with a height of no more than 8 feet. Fences of a greater height *may* be permitted only through a Conditional Use Permit (requires Planning Commission review and City Council approval).

When a commercial or industrial property abuts a residential property, screening fence requirements are the same as regular fence requirements. However, with City Council approval, evergreen landscaping of at least 8 feet in height may be used instead of screening fences.

#### **Are there restrictions on the types of materials that I can use?**

Electric and barbed wire fences are prohibited within the City. Link fences are permitted except that they must not have barbed ends.

#### **Who can I contact with questions?**

Should you have questions about setbacks, other zoning requirements, or the Building Permit process, please contact the City Clerk at 952.473.6961 x1.

#### **Where can I obtain the Building Permit form?**

Building Permit applications are available online at [www.longlakemn.gov](http://www.longlakemn.gov). The forms are also available at City Hall, 450 Virginia Avenue in Long Lake.

**\*\* FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL FENCES, PLEASE CONTACT CITY STAFF AT 952.473.6961 \*\***