



## Informational Handout

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RESIDENTIAL 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 3 ½ feet in height within the front yard and a maximum of 6 feet in side and rear yards. 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 be constructed with the finished side facing out and be maintained in reasonable repair.

#### **Does the City require fences around swimming pools and tennis courts?**

Swimming pools are required to be enclosed with a fence of at least 6 feet in height. Tennis courts may only be constructed within the rear yard and enclosed with a fence no more than 10 feet in height and no closer than 5 feet from the lot lines.

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

Chain link fences, without barbed ends, are only permitted within rear yards. Electric and barbed wire fences are prohibited within the City.

#### **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 RESIDENTIAL FENCES, PLEASE CONTACT CITY STAFF AT 952.473.6961 \*\***