

**WHEN APPLYING
FOR A PRIVACY
FENCE BE SURE TO
BRING:**

- Application
- Plat of Survey (if applicable)
- Site Plan

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FENCES

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FENCES

In unincorporated McHenry County a permit is required for “privacy fences” or fencing that cannot be seen through by more than 50%.

Open fences do not require permits unless they are serving as a pool barrier or located within a floodplain.



Basic Ordinance Criteria

- Solid fences (obscure more than fifty percent of the view through the fence) are limited to a maximum height of 6'-0", unless a taller fence is otherwise required by the Ordinance.
- Solid fences are permitted along the full length of rear lot line. A solid fence is permitted along the interior lot line but cannot be located in the effective street.
- The finished side of all fences shall face away from the property on which it is located.
- All posts, bases and other structural parts shall be located completely within the boundaries of the lot on which it is located.
- Barbed wire and aboveground electrical fences are permitted for containing agricultural animals.
- Barbed wire or aboveground electrical fences are permitted in the B-3, I-1 and I-2 Zoning Districts provided that it is mounted a minimum of eight (8) feet above ground.



General Information

A solid fence is defined as any fence that obscures more than 50% of the view through the fence.

There is a standard solid fence permit fee, regardless of the amount of fencing to be installed.

Solid fences only require a final inspection. Further inspections may be required by the Stormwater Division.

Although a building permit may not be required for open fences, a Stormwater & Zoning review still applies.

Further information can be found by contacting our office at (815) 334-4560 or visiting our website at www.co.mchenry.il.us

