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RE# \_\_\_\_\_

Permit# \_\_\_\_\_

## FENCE PERMIT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OWNERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTORS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

- No Fences allowed between garages
- Rear party line fences maximum height is 6 feet
- Driveway fences maximum height is 4 feet from front house to the original rear wall of the house.
- Old fence MUST be removed, two fences next to each other is not allowed.
- All permits must submit a staked plat of survey with the permit for it to be considered for passage.

Application continued on next page.

For office use only

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Location Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Design Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## § 22.15. General regulations.

### **§ 21.126Fences.**

#### **(A)**

Residential. Fences may be erected to a maximum height of six feet and a minimum height of not less than three feet. No fence or wall shall be permitted to extend nearer to any street than the minimum building setback line, and in the case of a corner building, setback lines on both streets must be observed; provided, however, that a hedge or mass planting shall be permitted within the lot lines of each building site, provided that said hedge or planting shall not exceed 36 inches in width or 30 inches in height; and provided, further, that a fence may be erected from the front of the house or minimum setback line to the front of the garage.

#### **(1)**

Fences from the rear of the original constructed home to the front of the original constructed home may not exceed four feet in height, and fences from the rear of the original constructed home to the front of the garage in the rear of the original constructed home may not exceed six feet in height. Fences from the rear of the garage to the rear lot line may not exceed six feet in height. Fences from the rear lot line along the property line to the rear of the home shall not exceed six feet in height. Fences across the rear property line may not exceed six feet in height. All fences shall be on a common property line when such fence borders on separately owned or divided parcels. All gates in fences shall be the same height as the fence.▮

#### **(2)**

Rear lot line fences abutting the Wabash Railroad right-of-way may be erected to a maximum height of eight feet and a minimum height of not less than three feet.

#### **(3)**

Where there exists a fence along rear lot lines or party lines in a rear yard, a second fence shall not be installed parallel to an existing fence. [See Subsection (C) for further exceptions in the case of patio fences.]

#### **(B)**

Other exceptions to height. Residential lots with rear lot lines or side lot lines adjacent to playgrounds, public or parochial school grounds, major highways that border or pass through the City, or developed districts other than residential may have fences erected on such lot lines to a maximum height of six feet of the type indicated herein, except that fences along railroad rights-of-way may not exceed eight feet in height.

#### **(C)**

Patio fences.

#### **(1)**

Patio fences may be erected in rear yards only to a height of six feet (or average of six feet for stepped fencing) extending a maximum of 10 feet from the rear wall of the original building parallel to and along the party lot line of duplex houses. Such fence may be of wood materials, pierced masonry or ornamental iron with optional openings. In the case of a stepped fence, no portion shall be higher than the bottom of the fascia board of the original construction, and the highest point shall be placed adjacent to the building.

**(2)**

The fence may be located on the party lot line if agreed to and erected by the mutual owners; each to give the other a letter of consent and approval.

**(D)**

Swimming pool fences. All private residential swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence for the protection of the public. All fence openings or points of entry into the pool area shall be equipped with gates. The fence and gates shall be a minimum of 48 inches in height. All gates shall be equipped with self-locking and self-latching devices placed at the top of the gate and made inaccessible to small children. Said gates shall also be capable of being securely locked when the pool is not in use for extended periods.<sup>[2]</sup>

**(E)**

Materials; construction; spikes.

**(1)**

Fences may be of steel chain-link fencing of standard manufacture, wood fence of an approved type, wood pickets or vinyl. All pickets, planks, or boards may be separated by optional size openings. Decorative slats may be inserted in chain-link fencing for privacy.<sup>[3]</sup>

**(2)**

Electric fences, barbed-wire fences, any fence which has spikes, barbs, sharply pointed pickets, sharp projections, or sharp protrusions are prohibited, except that barbed wire is permitted on top of fencing around high-voltage or high-tension wires maintained by a public utility or the top of fencing on any property owned or occupied by a unit of government; provided that the lower edge of the barbed wire is not less than eight feet above the ground level.

**(3)**

No fence, wall, or any other material, except herbage, shall be allowed on property lines between the house as originally constructed and the street.

**(F)**

Design. All fence designs are subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner.

**(G)**

Division fence rights. The cost of construction, installation, and making repairs and rights over a division fence shall be governed by 765 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.

**(H)**

Permit. All fences replaced or newly installed shall have a permit prior to installation. The permit fee shall be \$25.

[Amended 4-25-2006 by Ord. No. 5-2006]

**(I)**

Applicability. The provisions of this section govern fences in commercial districts, nonconforming uses, and special uses where applicable.

**LOCATION:** Draw Lot Lines and Building adjacent thereto, and the location of fence, with dimensions as to length and distances from Lot Lines, and for Open Terraces, the distance from the house.

**DESIGN:** Draw a typical partial elevation of view of front and side of Fencing, adequate to express the design, and showing dimensions And specifying materials and spacing of members, or submit a Sketch or picture of the proposed fencing containing the information.

HEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_  
LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

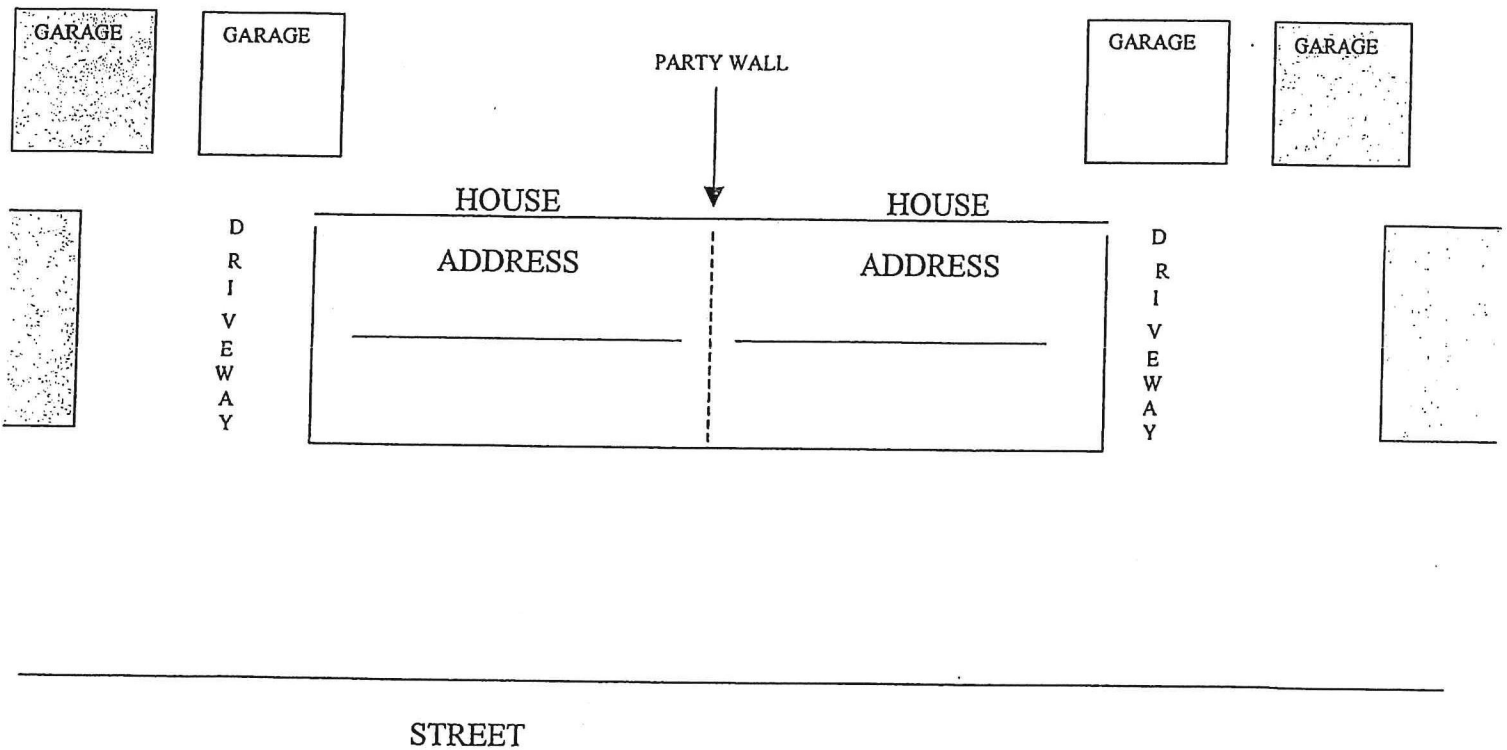
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF LOCATION AND DESIGN OF PROPOSED FENCING, OR RAILING I WILL ERECT IF PERMIT IS ISSUED.

OWNERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTORS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DRAW LINES SHOWING WHERE YOU WANT TO INSTALL NEW FENCE.  
FILL IN YOUR ADDRESS IN PROPER BOX.  
SUBMIT SKETCH OR PICTURE OF PROPOSED STYLE OF FENCE WITH  
DIMENSIONS HEIGHT AND WIDTH.

(REAR LOT LINE)



- ❖ NO FENCES ALLOWED BETWEEN GARAGES
- ❖ REAR AND PARTY LINE FENCES MAY BE 6 FOOT HIGH
- ❖ FENCES IN DRIVEWAY CANNOT BE HIGHER THAN 4 FEET
- ❖ OLD FENCE MUST BE REMOVED.

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 HEIGHT AND WIDTH.

The diagram shows a corner lot bounded by two streets. A driveway runs along the left street, with a garage at its end. A party wall runs along the top street, with a garage on each side. The lot is divided into two sections, each with an address box. A dashed line indicates the rear lot line.

Labels in the diagram include: GARAGE, (REAR LOT LINE), PARTY WALL, ADDRESS, ADDRESS, DRIVEWAY, STREET, and CORNER LOT.

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## "NOTICE TO HOMEOWNER"

INSPECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF STAGES BY CONSTRUCTION ARE CONDUCTED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUILDING CODE AND PROPER CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE PROPERTY VALUES, AND MAINTAIN HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS. AS WORK IS PROGRESSING TO REQUIRED DEGREE, INFORM THE INSPECTOR BY MAILING THE POSTCARDS OR BY DIRECT CONTACT.

DO NOT CONCEAL WORK UNTIL INSPECTED AND APPROVED. IF UNAPPROVED WORK HAS BEEN COVERED, IT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE EXPOSED FOR INSPECTION.

In the event of rejection of work, the required corrective measures must be performed immediately before proceeding with any other work, and the inspector must be informed for a re-inspection.

THE FOLLOWING INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED:

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| <u>FOUNDATION:</u> | EXCAVATED AND FORMED. FOR SLABS, GRAVEL FILL AND VAPOR BARRIER IN PLACE.                                                                    |
| <u>FRAMING:</u>    | FRAMING COMPLETE WITH JOISTS, SHEATING, BRACES, SIDING, AND ROOFING.                                                                        |
| <u>ELECTRICAL:</u> | CONDUIT, PANELS, BOXES, ETC. ROUGHED IN.                                                                                                    |
| <u>PLUMBING:</u>   | PIPING ROUGHED IN AND CONNECTIONS TO EXISTING SERVICES COMPLETED. ANY WORK WITH WATER METER WILL BE HANDLED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. |
| <u>FINAL:</u>      | EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR COMPLETED IN ALL RESPECTS, NOT NECESSARILY DECORATED OR PAINTED.                                                      |
| <u>GARAGES:</u>    | ONLY FINAL INSPECTION IS REQUIRED UNLESS UNUSUAL CONDITIONS EXIST OR INTERIOR FRAMING MEMBERS ARE COVERED.                                  |

A COPY OF THE APPROVED PLAN MUST BE ON THE JOB FOR INSPECTIONS

When applying for a permit to do work to your home "BY OWNER", anyone that does the work, "family, friend or contractor" makes you the homeowner liable for any personal injury, property damage to your home, driveway or surrounding neighbors occurring during or due to work being done.

When you apply for a permit under a contractors name, the City of Hometown requires said contractor to produce a certificate of insurance when applying for a business license, which is required prior to issuance of a permit. If the work is incomplete or done in a manner less than good quality, the City of Hometown can suspend their business license until the work is completed to the Building inspectors satisfaction. As always, under the City of Hometown Code, all Electrical & Plumbing work must be done by a licensed contractor. All Roofing Contractors

ORDINANCE NO. 6-1987

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF HOMETOWN  
BY AMENDING SEC. 21.126, FENCES

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BE IT ORDAINED by the city Council of Hometown, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1

That the Municipal Code of Hometown, Chapter 21, Building Code, be amended by changing portions of Sec. 21.126, Fences, as follows:

Sec. 21.126 FENCES

(a). Residential:

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Provided that fences from the rear of the original constructed home to the front of the original constructed home may not exceed four feet in height and fences from the rear of the original constructed home to the front of the garage in the rear of the original constructed home may not exceed six feet in height. There shall be no fence between garages, except for fences constructed prior to December 27, 1977. Fences from the rear of the garage to the rear lot line may not exceed six feet in height. Fences from the rear lot line along the property line to the rear of the home shall not exceed six feet in height. Fences across the rear property line may not exceed six feet in height. All fences shall be on a common property line when such fence borders on separately owned or divided parcels. All gates in fences shall be the same height as the fence.

Provided further that rear lot line fences abutting the Wabash Railroad right-of-way may be erected to a maximum height of eight feet and a minimum height of not less than three feet.

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No fence, wall, or any other material, except herbage, shall be allowed on property lines between the house as originally constructed and the street.

(f) Design:

All fence designs are subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner.

(g) Division Fence Rights:

The cost of construction, installation, and making repair and rights over a division fence shall be governed by Chapter 54 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

(h) Permit:

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(i) Applicability:

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