SPRINGFIELD
NEBRASKA

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

NON-RESIDENTIAL FENCE

Construction of a fence requires a building permit from the City of Springfield. **NOTE: A separate application must be submitted if planning to add a fence along with new commercial/industrial build.** To obtain a building permit, please submit the following information to City Hall:

- Springfield Building Permit Application, including:
  - Name and contact information of the property owner(s)
  - Address and legal description of the property
  - Name and contact information of the contractor (person performing work)
  - Fence/Retain Wall checkbox checked
  - Total lineal feet of fence, ***including any gates***
  - Height of fence
  - Type & material of fence (e.g. picket, chain link, wood, steel, vinyl, etc.)
- Plot plans of the property showing the property lines, the location of the proposed fence with distances from the fence to all property lines and existing structures (e.g., building, garage, gas pumps, etc.), lineal footage of each side of the fence
  - Two (2) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy <u>if plans are larger than 11" X 17"</u>
- Picture of fence that will be installed

The maximum height of a side yard and rear yard fence for any permitted use in any non-residential zoning district shall be eight (8) feet, except the maximum height of a fence for security purposes around community, utility, data center, communication or critical infrastructure facilities may be ten (10) feet if approved by the City Council.

Electric fences are prohibited in non-residential districts, except in the AR District for agricultural uses.

Barbed wire fences may be used in the construction of perimeter security fencing in an industrial district (LI Zoning District), but only for communication facilities, or for municipal facilities provided that the bottom strand of the wire shall be at least six (6) feet above ground level. The use of barbed wire in security fencing when adjacent to residential zoned property shall be by conditional use. Farm fencing constructed for agricultural purposes on parcels of land five acres or more in the AR District is exempt.

No fence may be constructed in a ***front yard*** except in the Downtown Commercial or General Business Zoning Districts having a zero (0) foot building setback or in the General Business, Light Industrial, Highway Business or Business Park Zoning Districts for security purposes around community, utility, data center, communication or critical infrastructure facilities.

In a ***side or rear yard***, a fence may be built up to the actual property line. However, if the fence is placed on the actual property line, a neighboring property owner may legally attach to it.

A fence may be built along a ***street side yard*** provided that the structure shall be constructed on or within a five (5) foot setback from the property line. Should the zoning district require a zero (0) foot building setback, the fence may be built on or within the property line.

No fence shall be built within the ***street corner visual triangle*** of land formed by lines beginning at the point of intersection of the two (2) street-side lot lines of the corner lot, then proceeding along such lines for a distance of twenty (20) feet, the third side of which triangle of land is formed by drawing a line between the two (2) points which are on the front lot lines, and are twenty (20) feet distant from the point of intersection of the two (2) front lot lines.

No portion of a fence can be built in a drainage easement.

If the property is located within a Sanitary Improvement District (SID), please have the developer approve the building plans and stamp/sign each copy. If the property is part of a property owner's association, please check with the association for covenant requirements and provide proof of approval.

For information on setback requirements for your property, please see Zoning Ordinance for applicable Zoning District or contact City Hall.

The City of Springfield Maintenance Department provides inspections for fences.

Master Fee Schedule: Valuation calculated based on per lineal foot charge.