

# City of Belvidere Building Department

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Belvidere, IL 61008

815-547-7177

## Fence Requirements in Residential Districts

### Height Restrictions

**Front Yard:** Fences and hedges shall not exceed 4 feet in height in front yards except on corner lots where height shall not exceed 3 ½ feet within 30 feet of the intersection of the nearest right-of-way lines. An exception is allowed for chain link or wrought iron type fencing which may be 4 feet in height up to any intersection, provided that the chain link or wrought iron fence is kept free of all vegetation or any other sight restrictions.

**A Corner lot has 2 front yards**

**Side & Back Yards:** 7 ft. max fence height

### Requirements for Fence Permit

- Site Plan sketch including the following:
  - Existing Structures
  - Proposed Fence
  - Distance from proposed fence to property lines
  - Height of fence
  - Type of fence (wood, chain link, etc.)
- Property owner information
- Contractor information
- Value of construction

*Email site plan and all other requirements to  
[cwhetsel@ci.belvidere.il.us](mailto:cwhetsel@ci.belvidere.il.us)*

### Fence Installation Requirements

- Finished side of the fence shall face outward.
- Fences erected in easements are subject to removal.
- Post hole depth –
  - Fences up to 5' require 36" post holes.
  - Fences from 6' to 7' require 42" post holes.

### 2 Required Inspections

1<sup>st</sup> When post holes are dug & lot pins are visible.

2<sup>nd</sup> When installation is complete.

**\*\*\* Information in this handout is not complete. If you have any questions please feel free to call the City of Belvidere Building Department at 815-547-7177\*\*\***

**NOTICE**  
From the City of Belvidere  
Water Department

**To All Homeowners**

Homeowners, before installing a fence please contact the City of Belvidere Public Works Department at (815)544-9256. The remote reading device located on your home must be moved outside the fenced area. This is in accordance with ordinance 50.25 concerning accessibility. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call our Meter Department at the above number. Thank you.

Belvidere Water/Sewer Meter Dept.  
815-544-9256