



## Fence Requirements

**Building Permit Required** – Permits will be issued after submitting an application, site plan, and payment of the \$50 fee

### Site Plan Requirements

- Indicate/draw the location of the fence with dimensions and height
- Include name, address, date, all streets, and a north arrow
- Include exterior boundaries and dimensions of the property
- Indicate easements on the property
- GIS maps and aerial photos can be found at [www.outagamie.org](http://www.outagamie.org)

### Construction Requirements

- Along the property line abutting a street:
  - The maximum height of opaque fences within the first 25' of the property line abutting a street (front yard) is 42 inches
  - May be constructed to a height of 4' (48 inches) with a 50% see-through design (50% plus visibility: chain-link or small diameter picket style)
- No fence shall exceed a height of 6' anywhere else on the property
- Fences may be constructed along property lines but cannot cross onto a neighboring property
- When there is a utility easement contact that utility to ensure there are no additional requirements
- A fence cannot be placed over buried utility lines
- All fences are to be maintained/repared and are required to have the finished or decorative side face the adjoining property
- No fence shall be constructed of unsightly or dangerous materials which would constitute a nuisance or safety hazard

### Items for Consideration

- A fence is defined as an enclosed barrier consisting of vegetation, wood, stone, metal or other solid material intended to prevent ingress or egress. The term "fence" shall include plantings, such as hedges and shrubbery.
- The Village does not locate the property survey pins, this is the responsibility of the homeowner. Contact a licensed surveyor for professional services in locating your property lines
- Contact an attorney for legal advice regarding your rights as a property owner. The Village will not and cannot offer any legal advice regarding property line disputes or any other civil matter.
- Disputes between neighbors on fence and property lines are not arbitrated by Little Chute or Building Inspections. A private lawsuit may be initiated if a person believes a fence encroaches over the property lines.
- Contact Diggers Hotline (811 or (800) 242-8511) to find all underground utilities to the property to avoid any potential problems and dangers during post placement.

- Fences, walls or shrubbery installed or constructed in a drainage easement cannot impede normal water drainage and if installed or constructed in a utility easement may be removed by the utility company for service work at the owner's cost.
- Fence hedges rows shall be continuously trimmed to a maximum height of 6' and all parts thereof confined to the property on which planted.
- The height of the fence shall be determined from the finished grade to the top of the highest portion of the fence panel.
- The building code does not establish minimum depth requirements for installing fence posts. A general rule of thumb is to place the posts into the ground a minimum of half the height of the fence. Please note that the minimum frost depth for this area is 48".
- The installation of a fence is an allowed under Section 44-394 of the Little Chute Code of Ordinances

#### Contact Information

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#### Inspections Department

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**Call 811 Diggers Hotline before construction**

#### Sample Site Plan

