

# City of Rhineland

## FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION



PERMIT FEE: \$30.00

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_

Single Family  Two-Family  Rental  Multi-Family # \_\_\_\_\_  Commercial  Industrial  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Information:** Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Information:**  Owner is General Contractor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dwelling Contractor # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Fence Material: \_\_\_\_\_; Fence Height: \_\_\_\_\_; Fence Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Must clearly show setback distance on Site Plan below.**

**Site Plan: See fence ordinance for complete rules and regulations.**

*The owner or agent must verify the property lines and is liable to provide a survey if unsure.*

**\*\*PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE WORK COMMENCING\*\***

I certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate and agree to comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the City of Rhineland and any conditions attached hereto. It is further agreed that we hereby absolve and release the City of Rhineland, its agents, from liability, if through the owner or his agent, an error is made in determining the property lines. It is further agreed that the City of Rhineland, its agent or agents, have no responsibility as to the determination of the properties lines. Permits are required per Municipal Code 5.02.02.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner

Contractor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## *City of Rhinelander Municode - 5.07.03 (3) Regulations for unique uses.*

### (a) Fences, walls and hedges.

1. Allowed. Except as provided in Subsection (8) of this Section, a fence, wall, hedge or shrubbery may be erected, placed, maintained or grown along a lot line on residentially zoned property or adjacent thereto to a height not exceeding six feet above the ground level, except that no such fence, wall, hedge or shrubbery which is located in a required front or corner side yard shall exceed a height of three feet. Where such lot line is adjacent to nonresidentially zoned property, there shall be an eight-foot limit on the height of a fence, wall, hedge or shrubbery along such lot line.
2. Height limitation. No fence, wall, hedge or shrubbery shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown along a lot line on any nonresidentially zoned property adjacent to residentially zoned property to a height exceeding eight feet.
3. Intersections. In any residence district, no fence, wall, hedge or shrubbery shall be erected, constructed, maintained or grown to a height exceeding three feet above the street or top of curb within 25 feet of the intersection of any street lines or of street lines projected.
4. Permit required. Anyone erecting a fence or wall of any description shall first apply for and obtain a permit from the Building Inspector before starting construction. Fences erected in any residence district may be decorative fences or either wood or wire and shall have a smooth surface on either side and shall be kept neat and in good repair. Solid board, barbed wire and thorny hedge are forbidden.
5. Construction and maintenance. Fences shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner and of substantial material reasonably suited for its intended purpose. Every fence shall be maintained on both sides in a condition of good repair and shall not be allowed to become or remain in a condition of disrepair or danger or constitute a nuisance, public or private. Any such fence that is or has become dangerous to the City health or welfare is a public nuisance and the City may commence proper proceedings for the abatement thereof. Electrical fences shall not be permitted, except for agricultural purposes. Barbed wire fences shall only be permitted by conditional use permit.
6. Residential fencing and screening.
  - a. Except as provided herein, fences or hedges outside the buildable area of a lot may not exceed six feet in height.
  - b. Except as provided herein, fences or hedges within the buildable area of a lot or, in the case of the rear lot line at least ten feet from the rear lot line, may not exceed eight feet in height.
  - c. Fences or hedges extending across front yards shall not exceed three feet in height and shall be at least 50 percent open space for passage of air and light.
7. Swimming pool protection.
  - a. A permit shall be required for swimming pools constructed below ground level considered to be of permanent construction with a capacity of 5,000 gallons and/or three or more feet of depth. Each application for a permit to construct or erect a swimming pool shall be accompanied by plans of sufficient detail to show:
    - (i) The proposed location and its relationship to the other principal structures on the lot.
    - (ii) The size of the pool.
    - (iii) Fencing and other fixtures existing on the lot, including utility location and trees.
  - b. All below ground pools for which a permit is required and granted shall be provided with safeguards to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access. This can be accomplished with fencing, screening or other enclosure or any combination thereof of sufficient density as to be impenetrable. If fences are employed, they shall be at least four feet in height. The bottoms of the fences shall not be more than four inches from the ground. Fences shall be of a noncorrosive material and shall be constructed so as to be not easily climbable. All fence openings or points of entry into the pool enclosure shall be equipped with gates or doors. All gates or doors to swimming pools shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at a sufficient height so as to be inaccessible to small children.
8. Business and industrial fencing and screening.
  - a. Business and industrial fences or hedges may be up to eight feet in height. Fences or hedges in excess of eight feet shall require a conditional use permit.
  - b. Business and industrial fences with barbed wire security arms a minimum of six feet in height (measured without the security arm) may be allowed by conditional use permit. The security arm shall be angled in such a manner that it extends only over the property of the permit holder and does not endanger the public. Such security fencing shall not be located along a property line abutting a residential use.
9. Special purpose fences. Fences for special purpose and fences differing in construction, height or length may be permitted in any district by conditional use permit. Findings shall be made that the fence is necessary to protect, buffer or improve the premises.