

# FOLLOW THESE 7 STEPS...

**1** Find out if our proposed fence will meet the placement and height requirements. Also check to see if there are any covenants in your subdivision regulating fences.

## Placement

- A fence may be erected up to the property line on side and rear yards. Solid-type fences shall meet the front yard setback from all streets (typically the front edge of the house or garage) and the water line setback of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (contact Calumet County Zoning for additional information). Open-type fences may be erected up to the property line in the front yard.
- There is no legal requirement that the “good side” of the fence face your neighbor. But it is a good idea to talk over your fence project with your neighbors to find out their concerns.
- The Town requires that all fences be placed outside any major drainage easements (typically easements over 10 feet) and outside of utility easements unless permission is granted by Digger’s Hotline. Contact Town staff to find out if/where any

easements are located or to get a copy of the drainage plan for your lot.

## Height

- Fences shall be no more than 6 feet tall for residential purposes.
- Street intersection corners may have fences or hedges that are no more than 3 feet tall. The distance requirements vary depending on the classification of street, please contact the Town Planner to determine the vision clearance triangle. This lets pedestrians and vehicles have a clear view of traffic.
- In-ground pools and above-ground pools less than 42 inches in height must be enclosed by a fence that is at least 4 feet high, or have a pool cover. A pool fence must also have a gate with a latch.
- Pools approved without a 4 foot high fence should have controlled access to the pool. A removable ladder or pool cover or pool dome is an easy way to meet this requirement.

**2** Locate your property lines. There may be metal stakes at each corner of your lot. Talk with your neighbors or use a metal detector. If you cannot locate your property lines yourself, you may need to hire a surveyor to stake your property.

**3** Call Digger’s Hotline at 811 for safety concerns to avoid underground utilities and to inquire about placing a fence within the utility easement. You may need to change the fence placement based on this information.

**4** Obtain a permit application. You need a Land Use Permit to erect a fence if the value of materials and labor is over \$1,000. You can pick up a permit application at the Town Hall (corner of Hwy 114 & State Park Road).

**5** Turn in your completed application, site plan, and \$100 fee to the Planner at the Town Hall. The site plan should be provided on a separate 8-1/2” x 11” drawing. The site plan should include the location of the fence, its dimensions, and its distance from all the property lines.

**6** Staff will review your application while you wait. If approved, staff will issue the Land Use Permit, which may include conditions of approval.

**7** Start the work that the permit was issued for. Be sure to display the permit where it can be seen from the street for the duration of construction. Install the fencing according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### Still have questions?

Contact the Town Planner using one of the methods on the back of this brochure.

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