

# City of Houston, MN

## Fence Permit Application

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A. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Property Owner/Applicant's Name:

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Phone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Project Address and Location of Fence (Front, Rear, or Side):

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D. Description of Proposed Project:

New Fence or Replacement, Height, Material?

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Purpose (ie. Boundary, Garden, Dog): \_\_\_\_\_

E. Sketch of fence with respect to property boundary and buildings:

I have received a copy of the City of Houston fence regulations and agree to meet the requirements.

Applicants Signature:

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Date:

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Permit Issued By:

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Date:

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## PERMITS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCES, WALLS OR HEDGES

### §151.45 APPLICATION.

The requirements of this subchapter shall apply to all new or replacement fences, walls, or shrubbery erected or installed from and after the effective date of this subchapter, but shall not apply to the mere repair of existing fences.

### §151.46 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

(A) All fences of more than 30 inches in height shall require a permit.

(B) No fence shall contain barbed wire.

(C) No fence shall be charged with electric current, except within an agricultural district.

(D) No fence, wall or other obstruction to vision above a height of 30 inches from the established street grades shall be permitted within the triangular area formed at the intersection of any street right-of-way lines by a straight line drawn between the right-of-way lines at a distance along each line of 25 feet from their point of intersection.

(E) Fences must be maintained so as not to endanger life or property and any fence which, through lack of repair, type of construction or otherwise, that imperils health, life or property or the well-being of a neighborhood shall be deemed a nuisance.

(F) All fences must be located on the private property of the person, firm or corporation constructing the fence.

(G) All fences must comply with all other requirements of law or this code as it applies to fence installation and materials.

Penalty, see § 151.99

### §151.47 RESIDENTIAL REGULATIONS.

(A) *Prohibited material.* No fence or wall shall be constructed of any electrically charged element or barbed wire. Chained link fence is prohibited in the front yard.

(B) *Approved material.* All fences in residential districts shall be constructed of stone, brick, finished wood, or vinyl. Chained link fence is allowed in the side or rear yard only. The finished side of the fence, or that side of the fence without exposed support or posts, shall face the neighboring property or streets.

(C) *Side and rear yard requirements.* No fence or wall located in a side or a rear yard shall be of height exceeding six feet, measured from its top edge to the ground at any point.

(D) *Front yards.* No fence or wall located in a front yard shall be of height exceeding 42 inches.

(E) *Maintenance.* Every fence or wall shall be maintained in a good and safe condition at all times. Every damaged or missing element of any fence or wall shall be prepared or replaced immediately.

(F) *Setbacks.* No fence may be located less than 18 inches from a property line unless the adjacent property owner agrees to a lesser setback. No fence, wall, hedge or other screening device shall be permitted to encroach on any public right-of-way.

Penalty, see § 151.99

### §151.48 VARIANCE.

Any deviation from the provisions of this subchapter shall require a variance. If a variance is requested, the variance shall be considered in accordance with the zoning variance procedures and fees for this variance will be in accordance with the zoning variance fee.