

FENCE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA

The following information must be submitted to the building department before a fence permit can be processed and approved, more detailed information is listed below

Permit Application (Online)

After a preliminary review, additional information may be required.

Permit Application Form: Complete the online fence permit application.

General Information

When is a Fence Permit Required? A fence permit is required for all fences that are to be installed in the City of La Crescent.

Required Inspection: A fence inspection is required when the fence is complete. For all inspections call 507-895-4409, 24 hours in advance. The Houston County Beacon website can be used as a guide for determining property lines and useful for submitting drawings. It's always best to hire a surveyor if you need to know exactly where your property lines are located but not required. In all cases, the City of La Crescent shall not be liable for the established or definition of property lines.

FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

1. **Front yard** fences may be solid or open and **shall not exceed four feet** in height.
2. **Rear and side yard** fences located behind the front yard setback (**25'**) may be solid or open and **shall not exceed six feet** in height.
3. All fences shall be constructed of durable, weather resistant materials and properly anchored.
4. Electric and barbed wire fences are prohibited.
5. Fences shall be chain link, wood, wrought iron, aluminum, steel or masonry, constructed from commercially available materials. Wooden fences shall not be constructed from twigs, branches, doors, siding or other wooden products originally intended for other purposes.

6. Fences shall in no way detain or inhibit the flow of surface water drainage to and from abutting properties.
7. Front yard fences shall be designed and constructed in such a manner so as not to unreasonably obscure the sight distance of vehicles accessing the street from driveways on the subject property or from adjacent properties.
8. Fence heights shall be **measured from the adjoining natural ground**.
9. Fences installed on top of retaining walls shall be limited to a maximum of 42" high.
10. All fenced areas shall be accessible through at least **one gate** having a **minimum width of 3'**.
11. All chain link fences shall have a top rail; barbed ends shall be placed at the bottom of the fence and **posts shall be spaced at intervals not to exceed 8'**. For wooded fences, post spacing shall not exceed 8'.
12. **Fences shall be installed such that the finished side faces abutting properties**. The finished side shall be the side that provides maximum coverage of posts and stringers. Board-on-board, basket weave fences and similar design shall be deemed to have two finished sides.
13. Fences shall not be placed within easements unless approved by the Zoning Official.

Please be advised that the City considers a fence to be structure, therefore the fence needs to meet the requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code including design standards to withstand wind.

Fees: The fee is **\$25.00**.

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact the **Building Department**, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **507-895-4409**, or write to, swetterlin@cityoflacrescent-mn.gov, **Shawn Wetterlin-Building Official, 315 Main Street, City of La Crescent, Minnesota, 55947**.

PLOT PLAN

(Please attach stretched plot plan and highlight fence location and street frontage).

(Signature)