



A permit is required for any fence installation. This Information is intended only as a general guide. Other codes and ordinances may apply. You can reference the city ordinances on the city’s website: ighmn.gov

**PERMITS –
APPLY ONLINE**
[CityView Portal \(ighmn.gov\)](http://CityView Portal (ighmn.gov))

**SITE MAP DAKOTA COUNTY
PROPERTY INFORMATION**
[Property Information Search \(dakota.mn.us\)](http://Property Information Search (dakota.mn.us))

**SETBACK QUESTIONS
IGH PLANNING**
651-450-2569

**EASEMENT QUESTIONS
IGH ENGINEERING**
651-450-2570

PERMITS & INSPECTIONS
651-450-2550
Permits@ighmn.gov

**REPORT A COMPLAINT
IGH CODE COMPLIANCE**
651-450-2491

CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Online Submittal Requirements

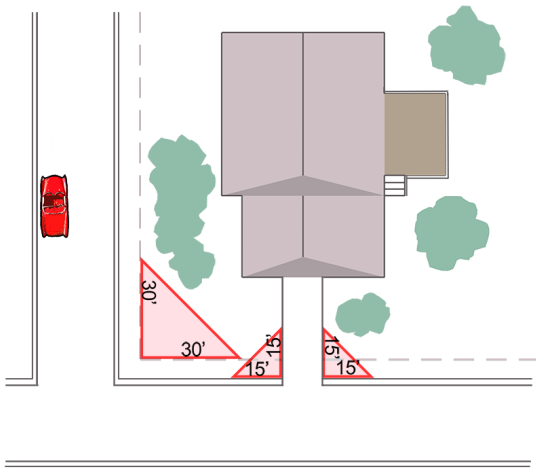
<u>Fence Permit Application</u>	
Site map showing the proposed fence location	
Contractors need a State BC or a City License	
Homeowners applying to submit a homeowner’s affidavit	
Permit fee \$50 (due upon permit submit)	

Permit Fee

- o \$50 per property address

Fence Standards

- o Fences shall not extend beyond your property line.
- o The exterior or finished side of the fence must face to the outside or away from the property being fenced.
- o The maximum fence height is 7 feet, except as stated below:
 - Front Yard: The maximum height is 42 inches with 75% of its area open for clear visibility, i.e., chain link.
 - Corner Lot: To maintain traffic visibility at intersections, fences located on the outside corner of the lot shall not exceed 42 inches in height. The fence must have at least 75% of its area open for clear visibility.
 - The outside corner is a triangular shaped area formed by the property lines (of each street right-of-way) and a line between the points measured 30 feet in each direction from the lot corner along the property lines.
 - No solid fences closer than fifteen feet (15') from the face of the curb.



*Traffic visibility across the corners.
75% open for clear visibility.*

Common Questions

Where can I build my fence?

- Side and back yard -
 - A fence may be placed up to your property line if it does not interfere with easements that may be on your property.
- Front and corner lots -
 - A fence may be placed on or within 30 feet of your property line if it is 42 inches or less in height. Any fence taller than 42 inches must be 30 feet or more from the front property line. Please note that property lines along roadways are located at the street right-of-way, not the curb.
- Fences cannot be placed in the public right of way.
- Generally, the minimum distance for a solid fence, more than 42" in height, must be 30 ft. from the front property line.

Where is my property line?

The following steps can assist in determining where they are located

- Contact a State-licensed surveyor - fees associated
- Contact the Building Inspections department to determine if there is a survey on file, 651-450-2550 or permits@ighmn.gov
- Check for property line markers (metal stakes) in the ground. A metal detector can assist in locating these.
- Utilize Dakota County's online property information search to find an aerial view of your property lines: co.dakota.mn.us

What materials can my fence be made of?

- Metal
- Decay resistant material
- Wood fence panels
- Masonry
- Chain-link (must have a top rail and posts spaced no more than 10 feet apart)
- Barbed wire and any other materials that prove dangerous or hazardous are ***NOT*** allowed in residential zoned areas.

Do I need a fence if I have a pool?

- All residential pools, hot tubs, spas, and other water tanks that are more than 30 inches in depth require a fence.
 - Exception - The pool has a powered or lockable safety cover that complies with ASTM 1346 standard.