



**NOTES:**

- **The “good” side of the fence is required to face toward your neighbor or the street:** That side of the fence considered to be the face, the side not attached to the primary structural supports, shall face the abutting property or street right of way.
- **Allowable fencing material:** Approved fencing materials include stone, brick, finished wood, rigid plastic, chainlink, split rail fences or other materials commonly used for fencing. Other materials may only be approved by conditional use permit, except that the following types of fences are prohibited unless specifically allowed otherwise: barbed wire, electrical fencing, razor wire, creosote lumber, chicken wire (unless used for the enclosure of gardens), concrete block or poured concrete, plastic webbing, plywood or pressed wood. Notwithstanding the above prohibitions, commercially available snow fencing may be allowed between November 1 and March 15 of each calendar year.

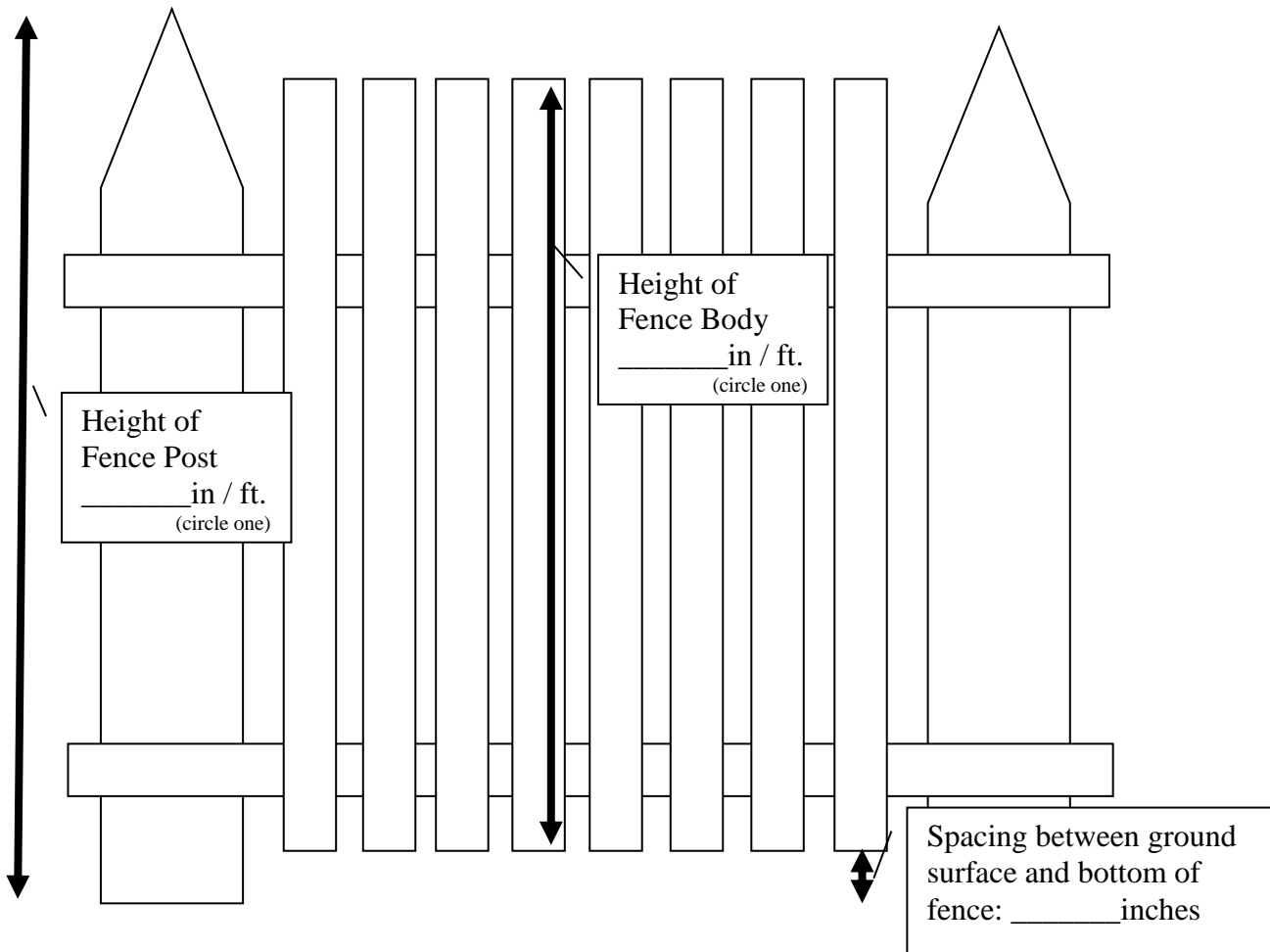
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**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

**Proposed Fencing Material** (circle one):

Wood   Split Rail   Stone/Brick   Plastic/PVC   Chain Link   Other Metal/Iron

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_



# FENCES



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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- All fences within the City of Little Falls require a **zoning** permit. Fences **exceeding seven (7) feet in height** require a **building permit as well** as compliance with zoning.
- The property owner is responsible for locating property lines. The City cannot do this for you.

### Little Falls City Code, Chapter 11, Section 11.03

Q. Fences: Fences shall be permitted in all yards, subject to the following:

1. Fences in residential districts must comply with the height and setback requirements as listed below:

<b>FENCE HEIGHT IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS</b>		
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAXIMUM HEIGHT (as measured from 6" above the adjacent ground level)</b>	<b>DISTANCE FROM LOT LINE</b>
Front yard	4' (perpendicular to street) 4' (parallel to street)	2' unless fence can be maintained entirely from 1 side, then 0'.
Interior or street side yard	6'	2' unless fence can be maintained entirely from 1 side, then 0'.
Rear yard (non-shoreland)	6' unless the rear yard is common with the front yard of an abutting lot, then 4'.	2' unless fence can be maintained entirely from 1 side, then 0'. If the property abuts an alley, then 8'.
Shoreland	6' (perpendicular to shore) 4' (parallel to shore) Not allowed (in floodplain)	No setback required to riverbank, except that fences shall not be allowed within a floodplain, unless they are farm fences which do not obstruct debris or water.
Buildable area	8'	Not applicable
Any property line adjoining a business or industrial zoned property	6' unless otherwise allowed by conditional use permit.	2' unless fence can be maintained entirely from 1 side, then 0'.

2. Fences in business and industrial districts must comply with the height and setback requirements as listed below:

<b>FENCE HEIGHT IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS</b>		
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAXIMUM HEIGHT (as measured from 6" above the adjacent ground level)</b>	<b>DISTANCE FROM LOT LINE</b>
Any lot line	6' unless otherwise allowed by conditional use.	2' unless fence can be maintained entirely from 1 side, then 0'.

3. Fences shall require a permit approved by the zoning administrator regardless of where on a property they are located, except that temporary fencing not exceeding six feet (6') in height may be installed to secure the perimeter of a construction site, provided that any such fencing is removed upon completion of the construction project. Such fencing shall not be limited to the approved fencing materials noted below.

4. Approved fencing materials include: stone, brick, finished wood, rigid plastic, chainlink, split rail fences or other materials commonly used for fencing. Other materials may only be approved by conditional use permit, except that the following types of fences are prohibited unless specifically allowed otherwise: barbed wire, electrical fencing, razor wire, creosote lumber, chicken wire (unless used for the enclosure of gardens), concrete block or poured concrete, plastic webbing, plywood or pressed wood. Notwithstanding the above prohibitions, commercially available snow fencing may be allowed between November 1 and March 15 of each calendar year.
5. No fence may be erected on either street side of a corner lot that will obstruct or impede the clear view of an intersection by approaching traffic, subject to the provisions of Subsection E.4. of this Section.
6. No fence shall be erected where it will impede, in the opinion of the Public Works Director/City Engineer or their designee, the flow of water across or through a drainageway, drainage easement, wetland or a required stormwater management facility, (i.e. water quality/detention pond, rain garden, etc.).
7. Notwithstanding height limitations elsewhere in this Subsection Q., fences enclosing or adjacent to sport courts or fields, in any zoning district, may be up to twelve feet (12') in height with a minimum ten foot (10') setback from any property line. Such fences shall not exceed twenty five percent (25%) opacity.
8. Prior to issuance of a fence permit, a certificate of survey may be required by the Zoning Administrator for all fences, except for hedges and plantings, or walls to be constructed on a property line or when the fence is not clearly entirely on the subject property. This requirement for a certificate of survey may be waived if: a) stakes from a previously completed survey are in place and marked and the property line can be reasonably determined from those stakes; or b) if a signed written statement from the neighboring property owner is submitted indicating that they do not dispute the location of the fence.
9. That side of the fence considered to be the face, the side not attached to the primary structural supports, shall face the abutting property or street right-of-way.
10. Both sides of any fence or wall shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and appearance by its owner and shall not be allowed to become and remain in a condition of disrepair or danger, or constitute a nuisance, public or private.
11. No barbed wire shall be used for fencing, except that it may be used on security fences on business or industrial zoned properties which are at least six feet (6') high, exclusive of the barbed wire or in the maintenance of existing barbed wire fences presently used in farming operations. All other barbed wire fences shall be removed before April 1, 1982.
12. Fence height shall be determined by the body of the fence, starting no greater than six inches (6") above the natural grade. Fence posts may extend a maximum of twelve inches (12") above the body of the fence.

Before you dig call **GOPHER STATE ONE CALL** at (800) 252-1166 or 811 free of charge OR you can make your request online at [www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org) to locate utility lines. Property owners are responsible for damage to underground utilities.