

City of Goodhue
Ordinance No. 152

The City Council of the City of Goodhue ordains as follows:

Sec. 9.51 Permits and Requirements for Fences, Walls or Hedges

Subd. 1. Application. The requirements of this section shall apply to all new or replacement fences, walls, or shrubbery erected or installed from and after the effective date of this ordinance, but shall not apply to the mere repair of existing fences.

Subd. 2. General Requirements.

- A. All fences of more than thirty inches (30) in height shall require a building permit.
- B. No fence shall contain barbed wire.
- C. No fence shall be charged with electric current.
- D. No fence, wall, or other obstruction to vision above a height of thirty (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 said right-of-way lines at a distance along each line of twenty-five 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 as it applies to fence installation and materials.

Subd. 3. Residential Regulations.

- A. Prohibited Material. No fence or wall shall be constructed of any electrically charged element or barbed wire.
- B. Approved Material. All fences in residential districts shall be constructed of stone, brick, finished wood, chained link, and vinyl. 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 (6) 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 a height exceeding four (4) feet, measured from its top edge to the ground at any point and (10) feet from the curb line.
- 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. A fence may be located within 5 feet of a property line. No fence, wall, hedge, or other screening device shall be permitted to encroach on any public right-of-way.

Subd. 4. Variance. Any deviation from the provisions of this Section 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.

Subd. 9. Penalty. Violation of any provisions of this ordinance shall be a Misdemeanor and shall be punishable as provided by Minnesota Law.

**z:\kk-284

