



**FENCE PERMIT requirements and application**

**Marengo Building Dept.**  
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Marengo, IL 60152

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office hours 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Permit fee: \$40.00  
Payment accepted at time permit is issued.

**Check with your subdivision covenant for special regulations on installing fencing.**

1. Submit a completed permit application. An incomplete application could delay having your permit being issued.
2. Submit a copy of your plat of survey indicating all structures, dimensions and easements. Indicate where you are proposing on installing the fence on your lot.

**INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS.**

*With respect to the installation of fence in utility easements*

In consideration for the City of Marengo issuing a permit to the undersigned for the installation of a fence on the property at : \_\_\_\_\_, Marengo, IL

The undersigned shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Marengo, its employees and agents for any liability arising from the issuance of the above permit, including, but not limited to:

1. Any damage to pipes, conduits, wires and other apparatus in any utility easement in which such fence may be installed.
2. Any damage to the fence resulting from the installation , repair, removal, replacement, or other work done on such pipes, conduits or wires; and
3. Installation of the fence shall not obstruct natural drainage or storm water flow inside or outside of easements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building Dept. Witness

In residential areas no fence may be over six feet in height in side and rear yards. Fence may be erected up to property lines. No fence may be over four feet in height in front residential yards and must not extend onto any public right of way. Chain link fences are prohibited in front yards. All framing is to be on inside.

*Per City Administrator:* All portions of fencing erected in overland drainage easements shall be constructed so as to be at least 50% open to the passage of water. For every 1 unit of fencing an equal unit of opening shall be provided.

**As the permit applicant I understand that I am responsible for:**

Submitting all application materials as required by the Building Department, obtaining all permits and approvals from jurisdictions including but not limited to; I.D.O.T., D.N.R.-O.W.R., F.E.M.A., I.E.P.A., the Marengo Fire Protection District and the McHenry County Department of Health. In addition, I agree to pay all permit and review fees including but not limited to architect, attorney, engineer or outside review firm fees incurred by the City regarding my permit application.

Also as the current owner or agent for the current owner and permit applicant I have read, understand and agree to abide by the covenants and restrictions and homeowner’s association requirements of the subdivision in which my parcel is platted. Further I understand that these restrictions may be more restrictive than the requirements and codes for the City of Marengo and the issuance of a permit by the City does not authorize me to violate the covenants and restrictions of the subdivision or the rules promulgated by the property owner’s association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant name printed

FENCE APPLICATION

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date issued \_\_\_\_\_

Date expires \_\_\_\_\_

Address of proposed fence installation \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fence being installed _____ (Picket, chain link, split rail, solid wood privacy)	COST \$ _____
Height of fence in the following locations	
FRONT YARD _____	SIDE YARD _____ REAR YARD _____

\_\_\_\_\_ property \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name _____
Contractor address _____
Contractor daytime phone _____
Contractor fax _____

Signature of owner agent

Date

Application APPROVED

Application REJECTED

\_\_\_\_\_

Plan reviewer

In order to provide for the maximum safety of persons using the streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks and other public ways

of the City, and to provide for the maximum enjoyment of the use of property, the following regulations shall apply to all fences, hedges and similar structures or elements located in the City.

1. For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections by improving visibility for converging vehicles, obstructions higher than three feet above the adjacent top of the curb elevation shall not be permitted to be planted, placed, or erected on any corner lot within the triangular portion of land designated as "restricted area." This triangular area shall consist of a portion of land extended from the corner of the lot 25 feet in either direction.
2. No barbed wire or other sharp pointed fence and no electrically charged fence shall be erected or maintained except in the industrial district. In the industrial district barbed wire cannot be lower than six feet from ground level. This requirement does not apply to agricultural zoned property.
3. No permanent fences or retaining walls shall be constructed or erected within any public street or alley right-of-way unless authorized by the City Council. Fences erected on public easements or across ditches shall be so constructed that drainage shall not be obstructed and, in event of necessity for removal of such fence for maintenance or other purpose, removal and/or replacement of such fence or other improvement shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
4. Fences, walls and hedges in all residential districts shall not exceed a maximum height of six feet and may be located up to lot lines.
5. Fences, walls and hedges in the industrial district shall not exceed a maximum of eight feet and may be up to lot lines.
6. Fences, walls and hedges shall not exceed four feet in height when located in the front yard with the exception of corner lots (see paragraph 1 herein). Chain link fence is prohibited in the front yard.
7. On a through lot both street lines shall be deemed front lot lines, but in the case of two or more contiguous through lots there shall be a common front.
8. All the framing on any fence shall be on the interior side of the fence.

#### 6.19 Easements, Rights-of-Way, Ditches/Swales

That portion of each property in the City from the front property stakes to the roadway has already been dedicated to the City to be used for utilities, surface drainage and future roadway.

1. Buildings, structures or any parts of appurtenances thereto shall not be constructed or placed in any easement so as to restrict drainage channels.
2. The placement of any fill material in the right-of-way between the property line of the property owner and the public road shall require a permit issued by the Building Department.
3. No permit to alter, build or fill any part of the dedicated roadway shall be issued by the Building Department until written approval is received from the City Engineer or Coordinator of Public Works that the proposed alteration, building or fill will in no way effect surface water run-off capacities or patterns of surrounding properties.

### **MAXIMUM HEIGHTS ALLOWED** per City of Marengo Zoning Ordinance (5.12)

Zoning district	Front & corner side yards	All other yards	SIGHT TRIANGLE
<b>ER</b> estate residential	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>R1</b> Single family	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>R2</b> single family	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>R3</b> single family	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>R5</b> Multiple family	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>B1</b> Central business	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>B2</b> General business	4 feet (except sight triangle)	6 feet	3 feet
<b>M</b> Manufacturing	8 feet (except sight triangle)	8 feet	3 feet
<b>PD</b> Planned development	As per Annexation Agreement	As per Annexation Agreement	As per Annexation Agreement

**Examples of residential site plan requirements below**

