

Sec. 7.11. - Fences.

No fence shall be constructed within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Syracuse unless a permit therefore is approved and issued by the building and zoning inspector and is constructed in conformance with the following requirements:

- 7.11.01. The height limitation for fences shall be six feet above ground level, except as provided herein:
 - 7.11.01.01. A fence constructed within a front yard of a residential lot and vegetation used as a barrier, screen, or fence along and parallel to the front line of a residential lot, shall not exceed 42 inches in height.
 - 7.11.01.02. A fence constructed within the portion of a side yard of a residential lot that lies in front of a line extending perpendicularly from the side lot line to the front corner of the structure that is closest to such side lot line, shall not exceed four feet in height, except that if the lot is located on a corner, as defined in article 2 of this ordinance, a fence constructed within a side yard along the side lot line which is adjacent to a street shall not exceed six feet in height.
 - 7.11.01.03. Where it is demonstrated that for security purposes the perimeter fencing around a plant or building located in an area zoned as an industrial district must be higher than six feet in height may be approved by through a conditional use permit.
 - 7.11.01.04. Fences constructed along and parallel to lot lines separating a residential lot from property located in a commercial or industrial district shall not exceed eight feet in height.
 - 7.11.01.05. Fences constructed along and parallel to rear and side lot lines adjoining arterial streets, as designated by the Nebraska Department of Roads, shall not exceed eight feet in height.
- 7.11.02. Fences located within a front yard of a residential lot must qualify within the definition of an open fence.
- 7.11.03. No fence or vegetation shall be situated or constructed in such a way as to obstruct the vehicular traffic or otherwise create a traffic safety hazard.
- 7.11.04. The use of barbed wire in the construction of any fence is prohibited, except:
 - 7.11.04.01. Perimeter security fencing of buildings constructed in an industrial district. The plans and specifications for any such fencing must be approved by the city before commencement of construction.
 - 7.11.04.02. Farm fencing constructed for agricultural purposes on parcels of land 12 acres or more in the transitional agricultural district.
- 7.11.05. All supporting posts for fence construction shall be set in concrete except for agricultural fencing.
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All fences shall be maintained in good repair.

- 7.11.07. All fences shall be located inside the boundaries of the property upon which constructed except where two adjacent property owners pursuant to written agreement filed with the city agree to build one fence on the common lot line of adjacent side yards or back yards.
- 7.11.08. Electric fences. No electric fence shall be constructed or maintained within the City of Syracuse or within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction except in TA-1-Transitional Agriculture District as hereinafter provided. An owner or lessee of such property may, upon application to the city and approval by the building and zoning inspector, maintain electrified fencing provided same shall not be energized to the extent that it is capable of causing bodily harm to persons, be they children or adults, or to animals. Before the building and zoning inspector shall approve any electrified fencing, it shall be determine that non-electrified fencing will not adequately protect the owner's property and the owner's application for approval of electrified fencing shall set forth in detail the reasons why non-electrified fencing will not adequately protect his property.
- 7.11.09. Facing. The finished surface of all fences shall face toward adjoining property or street frontage. However, in the case of two or more property owners wishing to share a common fence line between their properties, said property owners shall jointly determine upon which side of the common fence line the finished face of the fence shall be placed. Such determination shall be consistent for the entire length of the common fence line.
- 7.11.10. Fences in existence as of the date of adoption of this ordinance. Any existing fence constructed pursuant to a permit issued and approved by the City of Syracuse which was in conformity with the past provisions and which was in place as of said date, may remain without change in accordance with this section notwithstanding same may be in conflict with one or more provisions of this section as amended; provided, however, and replacement or change of said existing fence or addition of a new fence, must hereby meet the requirements of this section as amended hereby.

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