

Fence Permits

A permit is required when installing a fence on your property. Listed below are the requirements that need to be met in order to obtain a permit.

Requirements:

- **Permit Application:** Along with the permit application you must submit a plot plan that shows the following information:
 - A) Location of fence
 - B) Height of fence
 - C) Type of fence material
- **Permit Review:** The City Planner must review all fence permits for approval.
- **Permit Fee:** The fee for a fence permit is \$20.00, payable to the City of South St. Paul.
- **Height (Residential):** Fences along side and rear property lines shall be a maximum height of 6 feet (measured from the existing grade).

Fences along front and side property lines within the front setback area shall be a maximum height of 42 inches.

*If your property is on a corner lot further restrictions may apply.

- **Fence Material:** The following materials are *approved* for fence construction:
 - Wrought iron
 - Aluminum (wrought iron design)
 - Wood
 - Vinyl
 - Chain link with approved posts and cap

The following materials are *not approved* for fence construction:

- Farm fence of any kind
- T-posts and pipes
- **Property Lines:** The property owner is responsible for verification of the property lines.
- **Water Meter:** If the water meter reader is inside the fence area, the City will move it at no charge to outside of the fence area. Please call the City at (651) 554-3225 to have it moved.

Additional Information

- An inspection of the fence is required when the installation is complete.
- All fences shall be kept in good repair, painted, and well maintained.
- The side of the fence considered to be the face (finished side as opposed to structural supports) shall face abutting property.
- No fences shall be permitted on public right-of-ways.
- Fences may be placed along property lines provided no physical damage of any kind results to the abutting property.

Where Do I Come To Obtain A Permit?

- Building Permit Department
City of South St. Paul
125 3rd Avenue North
South St. Paul, MN 55075

Questions?

- Contact our office at 651-554-3220 Mon-Fri between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.