

# **The Municipality of Bethel Park**

## **FENCES**

**I.** The following information pertains to the Municipal ordinance regarding fences constructed and / or installed in the municipality. The following is allowed to be performed without a permit:

- The installation of an ornamental fence, privacy fence or ornamental wall, not exceeding six feet in height, provided that said fence does not pass the front face of the primary structure, or the building line on a corner lot.
- The installation of an ornamental fence not exceeding 3'-6" (42") in height and having 50% open space, provided that said fence is to be installed from the front face of the primary structure towards the front yard area.
- Swimming pool fence, provided that said fence shall be not less than four feet nor more than six feet in height and shall be so constructed as not to have any openings, walls or gaps larger than two inches in any dimension, except for doors and gates. If the fence is a picket fence, the horizontal dimensions maintained between pickets shall not exceed four inches.

**Ia.** Fences NOT permitted:

- Electrical fences are not permitted in any zoning district in the municipality, except as part of a farm.
- Barbed wire fences are not permitted in any district of the municipality except as part of a farm or a security fence, provided that the security fence is at least five feet in height.

**Ib.** Fences REQUIRING a permit:

- The installation of any type of fencing that exceeds six feet in height but less than eight feet. Eight feet is the maximum allowable height for a fence in this municipality.
- The following information is required for submitting for a permit:
  - A copy of the property survey
  - Approval from a design professional that installation and wind loads comply

**II.** The permit holder is required to schedule the following inspections, where a permit is required:

- FOOTINGS –Prior to Concrete
- FINAL -Upon Completion of Installation

**IIa.** All inspection requests shall be made 24 hrs. prior to the required inspection by calling the Department of Building Inspections between the hours of 8:00am – 4:30pm.

**III.** Costs - The cost for a building permit is based on the total estimated property value after completion and is as follows:

- \$50.00 for the first \$1000.00 and \$10.00/ each additional \$1000.00

**IV.** All construction, shall comply with Bethel Park Municipal Ordinance 7-12-93A as-well-as all other applicable codes, laws and regulations.