

## DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A FENCE?

- No. Fences within the county or city limits of Lafayette, West Lafayette, Battle Ground, Dayton or Clarks Hill do not require a building permit.
- **BUT** - there are still zoning requirements you have to meet.
- You should also check the following prior to construction:  
**Covenants;**  
**Homeowners Assoc.;**  
**Location of utility easements; and**  
**Holey Moley (800-382-5544)**
- The requirements for fences are **unique to your property**, and you are urged to contact our office if you have any questions.

If your property is located within the city limits of Lafayette or West Lafayette, please call the respective City Engineer's office prior to construction.

Lafayette: (765) 807-1050

West Lafayette: (765) 775-5130

Further questions?  
Contact us:

Area Plan Commission

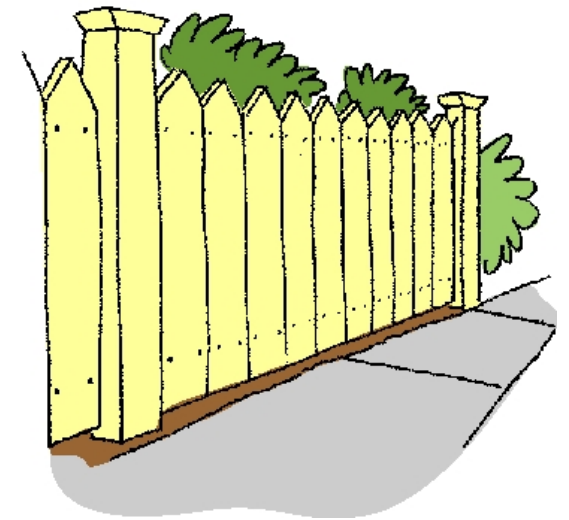
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# FENCES IN TIPPECANOE COUNTY



An informational brochure  
prepared by the

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Tippecanoe County

FENCES ARE CONSIDERED ACCESSORY IN TIPPECANOE COUNTY:

- A single-family, two-family or multi-family home is considered a **primary use**.
- A fence is **accessory** to the primary use and is permitted on the same lot as the primary use.



*An accessory use, accessory structure or accessory building is incidental to and associated with a primary use on the same lot. Accessory uses, structures and buildings are permitted in all zones in which their associated primary uses are permitted.*

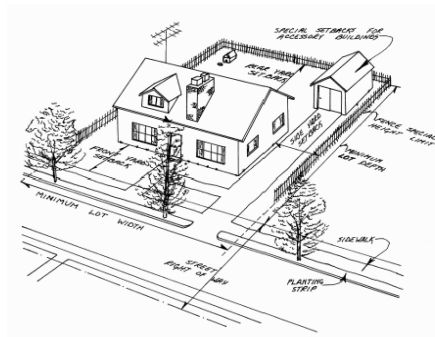
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WHERE CAN I PUT THE FENCE ON MY PROPERTY?

**Nowhere on your property can you place a fence where it crosses or obstructs a drainage or utility easement.** Most subdivision lots have utility easements. If you have questions about where easements are located on your property, please contact our office at 423-9242.

All lots have a front, rear and at least two side property lines.

B.2 Yard Areas and Street Improvements



A fence may be placed on any **rear or side** property line...

**UNLESS:**

The side or rear of your property is next to a street. Fences taller than 42" along streets are subject to setbacks of at least 25 feet.

CAN I PUT A FENCE IN MY FRONT YARD?

You may put a fence at your front property line **ONLY** if it does not exceed 42" (3 1/2 feet) in height AND DOES NOT CROSS AN EASEMENT.

For example, a 6' privacy fence **IS NOT** permitted at any property line on a street.

Additionally, any fence taller than 42" must be installed 25'-60' from the street property line, depending on the street. A street property line could be a front, rear or side lot line.

Different streets have different setbacks that may be as great as 60'. Please contact our office for more information regarding street and front setbacks.

