

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES WITHIN  
VILLAGE OF HEWITT

FENCES DEFINED: For the purpose of these Guidelines a "fence" is herein defined as an enclosed barrier consisting of hedge(s), wood, stone or chainlink.

FENCES CATEGORIZED: Fences shall be categorized into four (4) classifications:

1. Boundary Fences - A fence placed on or within three (3) feet of the property lines of adjacent properties.
2. Protective Fence - A fence constructed to enclose a hazard to the public, health, safety and welfare.
3. Hedge - A row of bushes or small trees planted close together which may form a barrier, enclosure or boundary. When at maturity, no hedge or part of such, should project over the property line.
4. Picket Fence - A fence having a pointed post, stake or peg laced vertically with the point or sharp part pointing upward to form a part of the fence.

HEIGHT OF FENCES REGULATED:

1. A fence as defined above may be erected, placed, or maintained or grown along a lot line within three (3) feet of the property lines of adjacent properties not to exceed six (6) feet in building materials (vegetation excluded) and totaling not more than 78 inches in height as measured from the ground to the top of the fence.

DISTANCE BETWEEN FENCE POSTS:

1. For the purpose of these guidelines, any fence requiring the use of fence posts for construction of said fence, must have the posts set no greater distance than eight (8) feet apart.

- EASEMENTS:
1. Written permission must be obtained prior to the issuance of a building permit from those that hold easements to the property where a fence is to be constructed (i.e., telephone company, electric company, Village of Hewitt, and related others).

- ZONING PERMIT  
REQUIRED:
1. Fences constructed or erected using wood, stone or chainlink materials, require a zoning permit prior to construction of said fence.
  2. A fence consisting of vegetation does not require a zoning permit.

- FENCE  
MAINTENANCE:
1. All fences shall be maintained and kept safe and in a state of good repair, plumb and true and without damage. The finished side or decorative side of a fence shall face the adjoining property.
  2. Those using vegetation as a fence shall keep the hedge well trimmed and maintained in a neat and orderly fashion and safe. At maturity, no part of a hedge fence shall project over the adjacent property owner's line.

- PROHIBITED  
FENCE(S):
1. No fence shall be constructed which conducts electricity or is designed to electrically shock or which uses barbed wire within residential-zoned areas within the Village.

- EXEMPTIONS:
1. All land zoned agricultural land used for the purpose of agriculture within the Village of Hewitt is hereby exempt from these guidelines.
  2. All land which abuts residentially zoned properties in the Village of Hewitt with land zoned agricultural within the Town of Marshfield is exempt from these guidelines.
  3. An exemption shall be granted for Section "Prohibited Fence(s)", No. 1 if a special "Animal Permit" has been granted for purposes falling under the Village of Hewitt Animal Ordinance.

NON-CONFORMING  
FENCES:

1. Any fence or hedge existing prior to the acceptance of these "Guidelines" and not in conformance with Section(s) "Height of Fences Regulated, Section 1"; "Distance Between Fence Posts, Section 1" shall not be required to alter or modify said fence.
2. Any fence or hedge existing prior to the acceptance of these "Guidelines" shall upon the acceptance of these "Guidelines" shall conform to the Section "Fence Maintenance, Sections 1 and 2."

These Guidelines adopted by the VILLAGE OF HEWITT BOARD on  
the 8<sup>TH</sup> day of the month of MARCH in the  
year 1988.

Dennis Walsh 3-8-88  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT DATE  
Robert Winrow 3-8-88  
VILLAGE CLERK DATE  
Pauline Steward 3-8-88  
WITNESS DATE

VOTE:

YES 5

NO 0