



Citizens Guide to Fences

So, You're Looking to Build a Fence on Your Residential Property...

The Village requires a building permit for any permanent fence installed on residential property. Any fence installed on a temporary basis, including but not limited to temporary garden fencing and snow fencing, do not require a building permit.

In the Village of Kronenwetter construction of a permanent residential fence is regulated by the Village's Zoning Ordinance. The zoning of your property, the zoning of adjoining properties, and the layout of your property determine the regulations that apply to your property. If you don't know the zoning of your area you can find it online on the Village of Kronenwetter website (www.kronenwetter.org), click on the "Zoning" tab on the left hand column and then select the link to "Kronenwetter Zoning Map".

Based on the Village of Kronenwetter Zoning Code the following regulations apply to fences constructed in the Village:

Regulations for Fences and Walls.

- 1) Street Yard Fences. The maximum height of each fence or wall shall be four feet within the front yard and six feet within any side or rear yard where the associated lot line abuts a public street. In such instances, fences and walls shall be set back a minimum of two feet from the property line abutting the public street.
- 2) Interior Side and Rear Yard Fences. The maximum height of each fence or wall in the interior side and interior rear yard shall be six feet, and any such fence or wall may be installed up to the property line.
- 3) In any residence district no fence, wall, or shrubbery shall be constructed or grown higher than three feet above the street grade nearest thereto, within 25 feet of the intersection of any street lines or of street lines projected.
- 4) All fences and walls shall be constructed with the finished side to the outside.

Other Things to Consider...

Property Boundaries. Most permanent fences projects in the Village are installed near property boundaries. If you are unsure of the exact location of your property boundary it is best to contact a surveyor who can locate the boundaries for you. You don't want to install a fence only to find out after the project is completed that you placed your fence on your neighbor's property. As a matter of courtesy the Village also recommends that you talk to your neighbors prior to starting the project to make them aware of your plans and address any concerns they may have. This is much easier to do before the project starts than after it is completed.

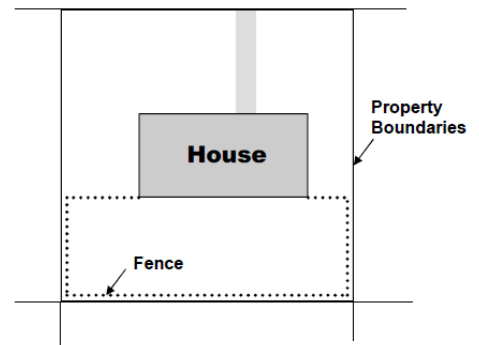
Setbacks. A setback is the minimum horizontal distance between the front line of a building or structure and the property lot line. Although the Village has no required setbacks for fences, it is recommended that you leave 2-3 inches of setback to ensure the fence is completely on your property.

Building Permits. A building permit is required for any permanent fence installed on your property. Building permit applications can be found on the Village of Kronenwetter website, www.kronenwetter.org, by clicking the “Building Info & Permits” link on the center of the website and then scrolling towards the bottom of the page to “Fence Permit Application” under Fencing. The administration of all building permits will take place at the Village of Kronenwetter Municipal Center. If you have any question on an existing or proposed permit you can contact Emily Grabenstein at 715-693-4200 ext 107 or email egrabenstein@kronenwetter.org. If you would like to meet with the building inspector about an upcoming project or for specific building code questions please call Kevin Breit at 715-693-1176 or email him at buildinginspector@kronenwetter.org to schedule an appointment.

Fence permit fees are \$25 regardless of project size. The penalty for beginning a project without a permit is two times the cost of the original permit fee. It is easier and more cost effective to call first to see if your project requires a permit.

Documents to Submit With Building Permit. In addition to filling out the applicable information on the “Fence Permit Application” form, please also include a site plan sketch, showing the location of the fence with property boundaries, and height of the fence.

Diggers Hotline. Call before you dig, call 811 or (800)242-8511



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Sources:

- *Village of Kronenwetter Zoning Ordinance, Section 520-6. "Regulations for Unique Uses."*