

Construction Guide: Fences



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Requirements:

- A building permit is required for all fence installations upon lots or parcels within the City of New Richmond. Permit fees are based on the project cost (labor and materials).
- A bird's-eye site plan is required showing the fence height, material, and distance of the fence to all four property lines, and other fences at time of building permit application. If you do not know where your property lines are, we can assist you by providing you with your lot dimensions.

Placement:

- Fences may be placed up to the side and rear property lines.
- Property owners are highly encouraged to discuss fence placement with adjoining neighbors if placing the fence at the property line. This will allow for fence and lawn maintenance without trespassing onto the neighbor's property.
- Fences are not allowed within any drainage or utility easements unless reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to know where the property line is and to submit accurate documentation.

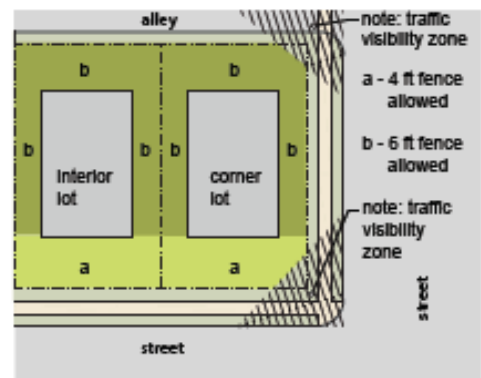
Specifications:

- Heights Allowed: (also see Fence Standards Diagram below)
 - Up to 6 feet in height in rear and side yards; however no fence shall not be placed closer to the front property line than the front corner of the building.
 - Up to 3 feet in height if opaque (solid or nontransparent) or 4 feet in height if less than 50% opaque such as open, decorative, ornamental, or chain link may be placed in front yards. Fences may not be placed within the traffic visibility zone (applies to corner lots only)
- Support structures and posts must be placed facing inward towards the property being fenced.
- The finished side must face outwards of the property being fenced.
- All fences must have a gate.
- All fences must be maintained in a condition of good repair.
- Electric fences or barbwire fences are not allowed in residential districts.



Permanent swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence no less than 6 feet in height if the water depth is greater than 15 inches. No fence is required if the pool is equipped with a cover capable of supporting a 250 pound person. Gates and doors shall be locked when the pool is not in use.

Portable above ground pools with a side wall greater than 48 inches are exempt from the fence ordinance provided the pool ladder is secured away from the pool when not in use.



Fence standards diagram

CITY OF NEW RICHMOND UNIFORM BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION						Applicant Email:			
PERMIT REQUESTED		<input type="checkbox"/> Const. <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC <input type="checkbox"/> Elec <input type="checkbox"/> Plbg <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Other							
Owner's Name		Mailing Address				Tel.			
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Project Address		Subdivision Name				Lot No.	Block No.		
Zoning District(s)	Lot Area		Setbacks	Front	Rear	Left	Right		
				ft.		ft.	ft.		
1. PROJECT		3. OCCUPANCY		6. ELECTRICAL		9. HVAC EQUIPMENT		12. ENERGY SOURCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Raze <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Move <input type="checkbox"/> Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family <input type="checkbox"/> Two Family <input type="checkbox"/> Type <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Entrance Panel Amps: <input type="checkbox"/> Underground <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead		<input type="checkbox"/> Forced Air Furnace <input type="checkbox"/> Radiant Basebd/Panel <input type="checkbox"/> Heat Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Broiler <input type="checkbox"/> Central Air Cond. <input type="checkbox"/> Fireplace <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Fuel Nat Gas LP Oil Elec Solid Solar Space Htg Water Htg	
2. AREA INVOLVED		4. CONST. TYPE		7. FOUNDATION		10. SEWER		13. HEAT LOSS (CALCULATED)	
Unfinished Basement Including Crawl Space _____ Sq Ft Living Area _____ Sq Ft Garage _____ Sq Ft Deck _____ Sq Ft		<input type="checkbox"/> Site-Built <input type="checkbox"/> Mfd <input type="checkbox"/> UDC <input type="checkbox"/> HUD		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Treated Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Slab on Grade <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Permit No _____		Envelope _____ BTU/HR Infiltration _____ BTU/HR	
		5. STORIES		8. USE		11. WATER		14. PROJECT COST (INCLUDE LABOR)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Story <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Story <input type="checkbox"/> Plus Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Private On-Site Well		\$	
I agree to comply with all applicable codes, statutes and ordinances and with the conditions of this permit; understand that the issuance of the permit creates no legal liability, expressed or implied, on the state or municipality; and certify that all the above information is accurate. If I am an owner applying for an erosion control or construction permit, I have read the cautionary statement regarding contractor financial responsibility on the reverse side. Local permit expires 24 months from date of issuance.									
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE					DATE SIGNED				
APPROVAL CONDITIONS: This permit is issued pursuant to the following conditions. Failure to comply may result in suspension or revocation of this permit or other penalties									
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:									
PERMIT DOES NOT INCLUDE:									
FEES:			PERMIT(S) ISSUED			PERMIT ISSUED BY:			
Local Permit _____ SAC _____ Impact _____ Park _____ Other _____ Total _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion <input type="checkbox"/> Other			Name _____ Date _____ Cert No _____ Telephone Number 715-246-3736			



CITY OF NEW RICHMOND

BUILDING & ZONING REQUIREMENTS (Updated 03/29/2021)

1. No construction or excavation allowed without permit issuance. Permits will not be issued or valid until payment is received. Double permit fees will be assessed for work started without a permit per Ord. Sect. 105-33. Strict erosion control compliance including off-site tracking will be enforced. Placement of dumpsters on City streets requires prior approval from the Director of Public Works.
2. Check with local Building Inspection/Zoning Administrator office prior to any home improvements, landscaping, fencing, pools, excavation, antennas, outdoor wood stoves, paving, planting, misc. construction projects, etc. **Always check private covenants before building. It is the applicant's responsibility to adhere to private covenants.**
3. Municipality NOT responsible for:
 - Any site work or construction performed prior to plan review and building permit issuance.
 - Property line locations or proper lot/building site validation.
 - Enforcing private covenants.
4. Owner/Builder IS responsible for:
 - Zoning compliance. Inquire about specific zoning requirements.
 - Obtaining utility easements for any services traversing adjacent/contiguous lots or parcels.
 - Verifying that sub-contractor licensing through the State of Wisconsin is current.
 - Declaring if property lines are present at common walls on the building permit application for two unit buildings under separate ownership.
 - Building plans matching the intended construction.
 - Displaying property lines upon initial footing inspection. Setbacks are NEVER measured from the curb - always measure from the property lines
 - Final inspection notification upon completion of project. Occupancy NOT permitted until completion of all conditions on the final inspection report is satisfied.
 - Property owners are responsible to report all project costs, which include but not limited to, all construction work and labor for which the permit is issued, as well as finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, elevators, fire extinguishing systems and any other permanent equipment. If, in the opinion of the building inspector, the permit valuation has been underestimated and/or a labor value is not provided, the inspector may assign a valuation based on our internal Valuation Calculator Policy.
5. 48-hour UDC inspection notification preferred. Allowances will be made on a case-by-case basis. Any re-inspection shall be subject to a \$75.00 fee for each incident.
6. City of New Richmond Building Inspection/Zoning Administrator office reserves citation authority for violations.
7. City of New Richmond building permit expires 24 months from date of issuance.
8. Easements:
 - Homeowner is responsible for determining location of easements and existing underground utilities.
 - No fence shall not be positioned closer than 3 feet to any side of a transformer, pedestal or cabinet.
 - No fence shall not be positioned closer than 10 feet to the door of any transformer or cabinet. EXCEPTION: If a gate is positioned directly in front of the door and measures at least as wide as the door, the distance may be reduced to 3 feet.
 - New Richmond Utilities will not repair or replace any portion of fence within the utility easement if the fence needs to be removed for any utility work including clearing obstructions in the easement area.
 - No fence shall not be attached to any utility equipment.
 - If fence impedes the movement of stormwater through the easement, it will be the homeowners responsibility to return the drainage to its original characteristics.
9. **Cautionary Statement to Owners Obtaining Building Permits:** 101.65(lr) of the Wisconsin State Statutes requires municipalities that enforce the Uniform Dwelling Code to provide an owner who applies for a building permit with a statement advising the owner that: If the owner hires a contractor to perform work under the building permit and the contractor is not bonded or insured as required under s. 101.654 (2) (a), the following consequences might occur:
 - (a) The owner may be held liable for any bodily injury to or death of others or for any damage to the property of others that arises out of the work performed under the building permit or that is caused by an negligence of the contractor that occurs in connection with the work performed under the building permit.
 - (b) The owner may not be able to collect from the contractor any damages for any loss sustained by the owner because of a violation by the contractor of the one- and two- family dwelling code or ordinance enacted under sub. (1) (a), because of any bodily injury to or death of others or damage to the property of others that arises out of the work performed under the building permit or because of any bodily injury or death of others or damage to property that is caused by negligence by the contractor that occurs in connection with the work performed under the building permit.**I agree to all applicable codes, statutes and ordinances and with the conditions of this permit: understand that the issuance of the permit creates no legal liability, expressed or implied, on the state or municipality; and certify that all the above information is accurate. If I am an owner applying for an erosion control or construction permit, I have read the cautionary statement regarding contractor financial responsibility.**

I, _____, understand and agree to these aforementioned conditions.

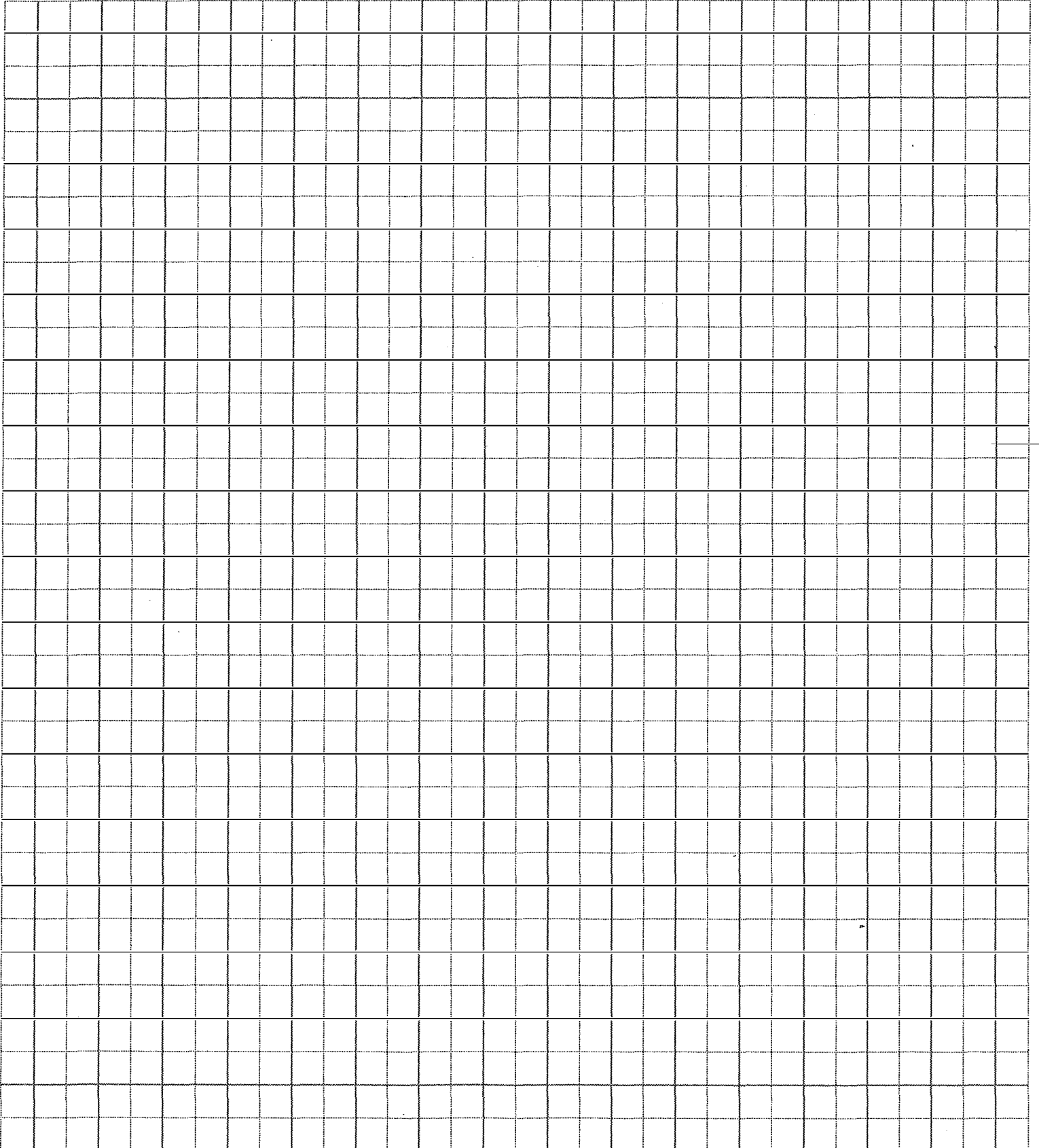
Dated _____

Building Permit # _____

CITY OF NEW RICHMOND SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

BP # _____

1. Draw to scale - 1/4 inch equals _____ feet.
2. Show lot perimeters with dimensions.
3. Show existing and intended structure locations and setbacks from lot lines.
4. Show existing and intended separations between all buildings on lot.
5. Label any adjacent streets or alleys.



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**EXAMPLE FOR
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