

**VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 12-16**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-7, FENCES, OF  
CHAPTER 3, BUILDING AND CODE REGULATIONS,  
OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD**

ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3-7, Fences, of Chapter 3, Building and Code Regulations, of the Village of Ringwood shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 3-7 Fences. Amended as follows. Definition:** The terms “principal building or structure”, “front lot line”, “front yard”, “building line”, “lot” and “street”, as used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings as from time to time in the Village of Ringwood Zoning Ordinance.

- A) A building permit is required for all types of fences.
- B) Fences allowed. Fences in all zoning districts, A-1 (less than one acre) are allowed only in that part of the rear yard which abuts upon the rear principal building line of the Principal building or Structure and whose area may extend from said building line to the rear lot line, provided however that such fences are prohibited in the remainder of the rear yard as depicted in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Support members shall be on the side of the fence facing the property so that the finished or “good” side of the fence faces adjacent property. Fences may not impede the flow of surface drainage. The following restrictions shall apply to solid and see-through fences.
- C) All fences within the Village shall abide by the requirements depicted on Exhibit A of this Section.
- D) Fence Regulations:
  - Height
    - The maximum height of a see-through fence in residential, estate, and rural residential zoning lots is four feet. A see through fence is designed and constructed with at least 50% of its surface area as open space of uniform distribution, when viewed from a right angle. Black decorative aluminum fences are allowed in all zoning districts. All residential, B-1 and B-2 zoning districts are limited to four feet (4') in height and fences up to eight feet (8') in

height are allowed in the B-3 and I-1 zoning districts. Picket or split rail fences are only allowed in the R-1 Single Family District and must be made of wood.

- The maximum height permitted for any solid fence is six feet (6'). A solid fence is designed and constructed with greater than 50% of its surface area as opaque material of uniform distribution, when viewed from a right angle. These types of fences are only allowed around trash enclosures or as a screen between schools, daycares and commercial or industrial structures.
- Areas of the Village identified and included in the Downtown Plan, will be required to use the decorative black aluminum fence; max height 4 feet.

E. Images of approved fence types are included in Exhibit A

F. Construction

- Fences must be constructed finished side facing out.
- Wire and chain link fences are prohibited in all zoning districts.
- Barbed wire, electrical, and broken glass topped masonry walls are prohibited in all zoning districts.

G. Unless otherwise specifically noted, any person who shall violate a provision of this Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, construct, alter or repair a one or two-family dwelling in violation of an approved plan or directive of the Building Official or their designee, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code, shall be liable and shall pay a fine of not less than One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750.00) per day of continuance of the violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainder thereof, which remainder shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days following its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form (which publication is hereby authorized) as provided by law.

Passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, by a roll call vote as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Missy Robel	<u>✓</u>	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Trustee Tim Meseck	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Karen Morgan	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Jason Meyer	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Gary Reinwall	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Trustee Katie Herdus	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
President Rick Mack	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2025

Richard E. Mack  
Village President Rick Mack

(SEAL)

ATTEST: Elaine Fung  
Village Clerk Elaine Fung

Published: December 2, 2025

## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, ELAINE FUNG, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, acting and qualified Clerk of the Village of Ringwood, McHenry County, Illinois, and that as such Clerk, I am the keeper of the records and minutes and proceedings of the President and Board of Trustees of said Village of Ringwood.

I do hereby further certify that at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ringwood, held on the 18th day of December, 2025, the foregoing Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-7, FENCES, OF CHAPTER 3, BUILDING AND CODE REGULATIONS, OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD, was duly passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ringwood.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 2025-12-16, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was available from the Village Clerk, commencing on the 18th day of December, 2025, and will continue for at least 10 days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance are also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the Village Clerk.

I do further certify that the original, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, is entrusted to me as the Clerk of said Village for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful custodian and keeper of the same.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the Village of Ringwood this 18th day of December, 2025.

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Elaine Fung, Village Clerk  
Village of Ringwood,  
McHenry County, Illinois

(SEAL)





# EXHIBIT A FENCES

## **Permit Application Guidelines**

1. Submit to the Building Department the following for review:
  1. Building Permit Application
  2. Plat of Survey or site plan locating any existing and proposed fencing and gates.
  3. Copy of contractor proposal or scope of work. A description of the fence shall be included including total length, height, and design/style of fencing.
  4. HOA approval (if applicable).
  - All construction must comply current adopted codes and ordinances of the Village of Ringwood.
  - Call J.U.L.I.E. (8-1-1) or 1-800-892-0123 to locate the underground utility lines prior to digging.

## **Inspections Required**

Final Inspection – When the project is completed.

\*A minimum of twenty-four (24) hour notice is required and may be scheduled by calling HR Green at 815-759-8344.

## **FENCE REGULATIONS**

### **Height**

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The following images provide examples of fence types, based on openness:

A. Open Style Fences (more than 50% open):



Aluminum Fence



Picket Fence

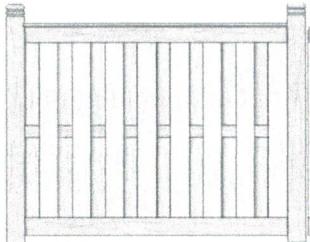


Split Rail Fence



## EXHIBIT A FENCES

B. Solid Style Fence (less than 50% open):



Shadow Box Privacy Fence

### Construction

- Fences must be constructed finished side facing out.
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### Location

- Fences may only be located in the rear yard and contained within the rear principal building line to the rear property line. See "Exhibit A".

## EXHIBIT A

Front Lot Line

