

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 99-9-2

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TO THE VILLAGE BUILDING CODE
PERTAINING TO FENCES

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999

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authority of the President and
Board of Trustees of the Village
of Ringwood, McHenry County, Illinois
this 20th day of September, 1999.

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

SECTION 1. The Buildings and Construction Ordinance of the Village of Ringwood is hereby amended by adding thereto the following Section 2-108.1 relating to fences:

"Section 2-108.1. FENCES.

A. DEFINITION: The terms "front lot line", "front yard", "building line", "lot" and "street", as used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings as from time to time defined in the Village of Ringwood Zoning Ordinance.

B. FENCES ALLOWED. Fences are allowed in all zoning districts. They may be used to indicate boundaries, to confine, and/or to exclude; and they may be placed along property lines. Fences fronting a road shall be screened from road view; and 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. SOLID FENCE: A fence obscuring more than fifty (50) percent of the view through the fence.

1. No solid fence shall be erected unless a permit is obtained in advance from the Village Building Inspector.
2. A solid fence shall not be constructed on front lot lines or in the front yard.
3. A solid fence shall not exceed building lines of any lot abutting a street.
4. A solid fence shall not exceed six (6) feet in height unless it is constructed within building lines.

D. SEE-THROUGH FENCES. A fence obscuring fifty (50) percent or less of the view through the fence.

1. No building permit is needed for a see-through fence which does not extend beyond the front building line; however, a permit is required for a see-through fence which extends toward the street in front of the front building line.
2. A see-through fence in a Residential, Estate, or Rural Residential Zoning District shall not exceed six (6) feet in height unless it is constructed within building lines.
3. Wire fences require screening in residential areas.
4. The use of barbed wire, electrical fences, or masonry fences topped with broken glass is prohibited in Residential, Office, and Business Zoning districts. In Industrial Zoning Districts, the use of barbed wire and electrical fences is prohibited except that the use of barbed wire is permitted in the portion of the fence exceeding eight (8) feet in height. The barbed wire must be attached to the top of the fence at a forty-five (45) degree angle towards the interior of the property.

E. FRONT YARD FENCES

1. Three (3) foot fences are allowed in front yards with a Village permit.
2. Chain link fences are not allowed in front of the front building line.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense committed on each day during, or on which, a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the terms and provisions hereof, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form by and under the authority of the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.

AYES: TRUSTEES BAUER, BRUCE, EVERETT, PRESTON, ROSEMAN

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE KEPES

NOT VOTING: NONE

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1999.

Richard E. Mack
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Susan Kennebeck
VILLAGE CLERK