

Fences, Walls, and Hedges

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need a permit?

Yes, permits are needed for all fence types and heights.

Can I put it on my property line?

- Yes, fences, walls, and hedges may be located abutting, but not over, your lot lines in any district.
- You are encouraged to research easements that may be located on your property

How do I locate my property line?

- You are responsible for locating your property line. This can be done by hiring a surveyor.
- The City of Granite City does not survey private properties

Can I erect my fence, wall, or hedge anywhere?

No,

- They cannot be constructed or erected within any public street or alley right-of-way unless authorized by the Granite City, City Council.
- If you have a corner lot, your lot will have a restricted area. Objects taller than 2 feet or less than 10 feet cannot be located within the 30 foot triangle. This is required to maintain safe sight distance for vehicles approaching the intersection.
- The maximum fence height for residential areas is restricted to **6 ½ feet**

- They may be placed in easement areas, but cannot affect drainage. This includes debris buildup (leaves, grass clippings, etc.)
- Fences, walls, and hedges placed in easement areas are subject to removal and replacement at the property owner's expense.

Can my fence or wall be any material?

- No, barbed wire or other sharp fencing material and electrically charged fence cannot be erected or maintained outside of the agricultural districts.

Is there anything else I should know?

Yes,

- Utilities must be located and considered when erecting fences, walls, and hedges. This is the property owner's responsibility. Call J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123 to locate the utilities.
- Maintenance (painting, mowing, repairs, etc.) of **both** sides of the fence, wall, or hedge should be considered when determining placement.
- The City of Granite City does not settle property line disputes between neighbors, including, but not limited to, disputes over the placement of fences, walls, and hedges.

What is the next step?

We recommend contacting any applicable Homeowners Association, Neighborhood Association, or any other like organization to check on further restrictions they have set forth for the area where construction will take place.

Complete and submit the permit application at City Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: These guidelines are not a comprehensive presentation of all the ordinances involved in placing, erecting, or constructing a fence, wall, or hedge.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Granite City Building and Zoning Department at (618) 452-6218.