



City of Evanston – Building and Development Services Division

CONSTRUCTION FENCE REQUIREMENTS

Temporary construction fences are required on residential and commercial projects involving significant exterior work that may pose a risk to public safety. Examples include new construction, additions, demolition, and excavation work. If you have questions regarding the requirements for your specific project, please contact the Permit Services team at (847) 448-8207.

Submittal Documents:

- Building Permit Application (online using the Citizen Portal)
- Copy of signed contract with construction cost (upload)
- A copy of the plat of survey reflecting current conditions to include property dimensions, location of existing buildings, current tree locations, and proposed fence/gate locations marked on survey with series of X's (upload)
- Contractor must be registered with the Building & Development Services Division
- A copy of current tree preservation fencing plan from associated building permit (if available)

Approval:

- Building & Development Services Division Staff

Fees:

- \$20 for first 100'; \$6 for each additional 100' or fraction thereof
- \$70 inspection; additional inspections at \$70 per inspection

Required Inspections:

- Structural - after fence/screen installation
- Civil - after silt fence/erosion control installation (if necessary)
- Tree Preservation Coordination – after tree preservation fencing installation (if required)
- Call (847) 448-4311 to schedule – supply address and permit number

By procurement of a building permit, the applicant acknowledges the following Construction Fence requirements:

- 8' Height
- Sliding or inward swinging gate
- Installed with screen mesh
- Installed with top bar
- Pole driven and of adequate strength to resist wind pressure
- Stands plumb, with no gaps larger than 4"
- Be repaired and maintained as needed
- Contractor Sign (must contain 24-hour contact information) o Residential Sign – 16 square feet (maximum) o Commercial Sign – 48 square feet (maximum)
- A Right of Way (ROW) permit will be required if use of ROW (sidewalk, parkway) is needed during installation or encroached upon due to project logistics