

# City Of Whiting, Indiana



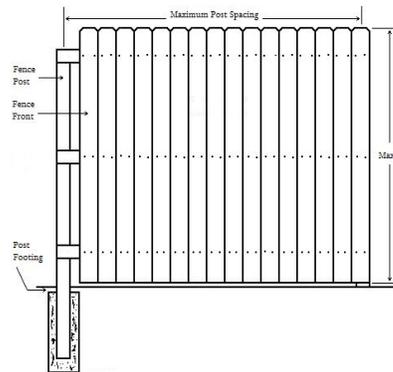
## Building Permit Guide For Fences

### Steps:

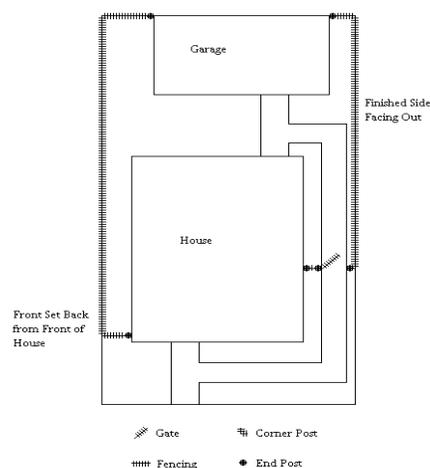
1. Apply for the building permit using the application form provided and submit it to the Building Department. The application will require you to submit a plan (drawing) which is drawn to scale and includes a) the fence dimensions, including the locations of all gates; and b) the location of the fence on the lot, distance from the lot lines, and distance from abutting structures. It is strongly recommended that the builder obtain a stake survey or read and sign the property survey notice. Contractor must have a contract which includes the dollar amount signed by the homeowner.
2. Once the application has been approved, and after a building permit fee has been paid to the clerk-treasurer, a building permit will be issued.
3. Remember, it is unlawful for any person to construct a fence in the city without following these two steps.

### Regulations:

- No front yard fences, latticework screens, or hedges.
- The maximum fence height is 6'.
- Fences shall be set back to the front line of the house, and rear yard setbacks still apply.
- Fences may be placed on the property line of the owner's lot.
- No fence may be constructed of barbed wire, nor may it be electrified.
- All fences shall be constructed so that the finished side faces the outside of the property and the unfinished side faces the owner's property.
- All fence gates must be equipped with a self-latching device for keeping them closed at all times when not in use.



Typical Fence Plan



Disclaimer: This information sheet is used strictly for informational purposes and is not a substitute for a building permit. All fences must adhere to applicable codes and are subject to inspections. For more information, please contact the Building Department at (219) 659-7700 or on the World Wide Web at [www.whitingindiana.com](http://www.whitingindiana.com).