

APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT (Revised Aug 2021)

PERMIT NO. _____ - _____

Chapter 3, Paragraph B-6 of the City of Huntingburg Unified Development Ordinance contains additional requirements for fences. A fence less than three (3) feet in height does not require a permit but must comply with the below regulations.

Height:

Must be six (6) feet in height or less for residential purposes. Fencing in Front Yard may not exceed three (3) feet in height. A corner lot is considered to have two (2) front yards. Fences in the front yard may not block the clear site line of vehicles entering or pulling out from any adjacent street.

Location:

Fence may be no closer than two (2) feet from property line and cannot be located in an easement. Must be located at least five (5) feet from a public right-of-way.

Other: Razor wire, barbed wire, and electric fences are prohibited for non-agricultural purposes and uses. No fence constructed can create a traffic hazard.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Is this a Residence: _____ Yes _____ No

UTILITY LOCATIONS. If you will be excavating, digging, or moving dirt for your fence call 811 to have your utilities located before submitting this application. This is a free service to help prevent building over or damaging utilities.

This is required 48 hours before excavation begins excluding weekends and holidays.

You as the applicant must be the owner of the property for which this application is submitted. If you are not the property owner, this application must also have attached authorization from the owner indicating that they are aware and approve of the work being undertaken. Contact information for the property owner must be included.

You are responsible for verifying the location of your property lines. The City of Huntingburg will not mark or verify them for you. Your signature below is your acknowledgement that your fence will be located on property you own or, you submitted written authorization from the owner that the work is allowed.

Applicant's Signature: _____

OFFICE USE: Zoning Classification _____

Floodplain: _____

Date Received _____ By _____ Date Issued _____

By _____



B. Accessory Structure Standards.

Accessory structures shall be permitted in all zoning districts provided the following requirements have been met.

1. Accessory structures shall be associated with and related to the primary use of the property.
2. Accessory structures shall secure an ILP and shall not be erected prior to the primary structure, except for structures used for agricultural purposes.
3. Accessory structures shall be clearly subordinate in height, area, bulk extent, and purpose to the primary structure.

4. Improvement Location Permits (ILP) Requirements.

- a. **ILP Not Required.** The following accessory structures are permitted in all districts and may be installed in any required yard without an ILP:
 - i. Structures exclusively for agricultural purposes, landscape vegetation, swing sets, children's tree houses, bird baths, bird houses, curbs, lamp posts, mail boxes, name plates, utility installations for local services, retaining walls, walks, drainage installations, housing for domestic pets provided it is not for profit and does not constitute a "kennel" as defined in **Chapter 10: Definitions**.
 - ii. Where permitted as accessory uses, wireless communications facilities may be installed without an ILP provided they are co-located upon an existing or pre-approved wireless communication facility, or they are no taller than fifteen (15) feet and visually integrated or camouflaged against a structure other than another antenna.
- b. **ILP Required.** The following accessory structures are permitted in all zoning districts and require an ILP certifying that all applicable requirements of the ordinance have been met.
 - i. Accessory buildings and structures such as decks, garages, carports, enclosed patios, bath houses, gazebos, cabanas, greenhouses, storage sheds, stables, swimming pools (above and in-ground), fences, home occupation structures, and signs.
 - ii. Any other type of structure not otherwise listed that is over fifty (50) square feet in area.

5. Swimming Pools.

- a. In-ground swimming pools.
 - i. In-ground swimming pools shall have a five (5) foot high fence placed around the pool area and/or a mechanical pool cover over the pool in compliance with the current building code.

6. Fences.

- a. Design and Construction.
 - i. No fence shall be constructed or designed so that it creates a traffic hazard.
 - ii. No fence shall be constructed or designed so that it is hazardous or dangerous to persons or animals.
 - iii. Razor wire, barbed wire, and electric fences are prohibited for non-agricultural purposes and uses.
- b. Height.
 - i. Fence height cannot exceed six (6) feet above grade for residential uses.

- ii. Fences less than three (3) feet in height do not require a permit, but must comply with all regulations specified herein.

c. Limitations on Placement.

- i. Fencing in a front yard may not exceed three (3) feet in height. Note that a corner lot will have two (2) front yards.
- ii. Fences must be located at least five (5) feet from a public right-of-way.
- iii. Fences may not be located within any type of easement.
- iv. Fences may not be located closer than two (2) feet from the subject owner's property line.

d. Additional Standards.

- i. It is possible that the restrictive covenants of a development may have more stringent regulations regarding fences. It is recommended that you review your covenants to determine if this is the case.
- ii. Replacement, Repairs, and Maintenance.
 - (a) ILP Not Required. An ILP is not be required for routine maintenance that involves the removal or replacement of less than twenty-five percent (25%) of an existing legal nonconforming fence as long as that fence is not relocated or enlarged and meets the required setbacks.
 - (b) ILP Required. Projects that involve the removal or replacement of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of an existing legal nonconforming fence at one time shall require an ILP and shall comply with all regulations of this section.
 - (c) Compliance. All fence projects shall be brought into full compliance with these standards if and when the cumulative area of the fence repairs and maintenance initiated in any five (5) year period after the effective date of this UDO is, in the aggregate, twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the entire size of the fence.