



Village of Bull Valley Building Department
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GUIDELINES FOR FENCE

Please submit one electronic PDF of the following documents by email to bullvalleyfiles@gmail.com. All documents listed below shall be submitted as one comprehensive submission. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted or reviewed. Documents will not be distributed for review until all listed items and bonds have been received. Lead time is 7-10 business days for the first review and each subsequent review. Additional plan reviews and inspections will incur additional fees.

SUBMIT PDF via EMAIL:

☐ **Building Permit Application**

Must be fully completed and signed

Plat of Survey (Stamped by an Illinois Licensed Land Surveyor)

Clearly mark the proposed fence location

Show all existing structures and easements

Proposal or Contract

Must be signed by the property owner

Fence Specifications

Type of material (wood, metal, etc.)

Height and style of fence

Spacing of pickets or boards (if not solid)

Post Hole Depth: Must be a minimum of 36 inches

☐ **\$250 cash performance bond**

All plans submitted shall meet all Village Codes, but specifically, the requirements as set forth by the Village Ordinances.

IN-PERSON or ONLINE PAYMENTS:

- ☐ The Final Permit fee is calculated once plans are reviewed and approved

FENCE STANDARDS (Per Bull Valley Ordinance Sections 5.4 and 5.5)

Fences **may not include** barbed wire, electric current, chain-link (in residential zones), or exceed height limits specified by zoning. Refer to Section 11.5-5 for the full list

Height and Location Rules:

- Front yard fences are discouraged unless decorative
- Fences at intersections must not obstruct views:
No fence, hedge, or wall over 24 inches high within 25 feet of the corner, unless the tree canopy is above 10 feet

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

- All inspections are scheduled the prior business day and are scheduled directly through B&F, NOT THE VILLAGE HALL. The phone number is 847-428-7010.
- Permit Expires in 2 months
 - A maximum of two permit extensions may be granted for one month at a time at ½ of the original fee, and only if applied for prior to the expiration of the original permit.
 - Permits that expired without all inspections and work completed are closed and not refundable.
- Any changes to the plans require resubmittal and review. Additional reviews and/or inspections shall incur additional fees.

APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES

The 2018 International Building Code

The 2018 International Residential Code

The 2015 International Mechanical Code

The 2015 International Fire Code

The 2015 International Existing Building Code

The 2015 International Property Maintenance Code

The 2014 National Electrical Code

The Illinois Energy Conservation Code, current edition

The Illinois State Plumbing Code, current edition

The Illinois Accessibility Code, current edition