



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) Solid fencing is prohibited.

Post Hole Depth: Must be a minimum of 36 inches

All plans submitted shall meet all Village Codes, but specifically, the requirements as set forth by the Village Zoning 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 half of the original time at ½ of the original fee, and only if applied for prior to the expiration of the original permit.
 - Permits that expire 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.

Road Permit information regarding Village Weight Limit

- Road permits are required for **any vehicles exceeding 16,000 lbs. by registration**, traveling within the Bull Valley jurisdiction on its municipal streets/roads.
- The objective is to manage overweight **vehicle traffic routes**. Providing the safest and shortest routes for vehicles that enter or exit the Village, to and from State and County thoroughfares
- Our 3rd party service (**oxcartpermits.com**) offers several categories for overweight traffic: One Round Trip, Multiple Trips, Seasonal Home Service, Agricultural Commodities, and **Construction Projects**.

BUILDING CODES

- The 2024 International Building Code
- The 2024 International Residential Code
- The 2024 International Mechanical Code
- The 2024 International Fire Code
- The 2024 International Existing Building Code
- The 2024 International Property Maintenance Code
- The 2023 National Electrical Code
- 2024 Illinois Energy Conservation Code
- The Illinois State Plumbing Code, current edition
- The Illinois Accessibility Code, current edition