



**City of Long Lake
Hennepin County, Minnesota
Ordinance No. 2025-01**

An Ordinance Amending Section 19 of the Long Lake Zoning Ordinance to Update Requirements for Residential, Business, and Swimming Pool Fences

The City Council of the City of Long Lake does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Long Lake Zoning Ordinance, Section 19, Subd. 9 is hereby amended as follows. Additions are underlined, and deletions are shown with a ~~strike through~~:

Subd. 9. Fences

- A. Permit Required. Except as otherwise expressly stated in this section, No person, firm or corporation shall hereafter construct, erect, alter or relocate any fence within the City or cause to be constructed or erected within the City of Long Lake, any fence without first making an application for and securing a building permit from the City. Temporary erosion control fences, temporary fences to protect newly seeded areas, and temporary snow fences are allowed without a fence permit provided that no such fence may be left in place for more than six (6) months without written City approval; and that any such fence must be removed within 15 days of the City providing written notice to the property's owner or occupant that the City has determined the fence no longer serves its originally intended temporary or seasonal purpose.
1. Temporary Construction Fences. Fences on construction and excavation sites for erosion control, the protection of plants, and the protection of the construction site shall not require a fence permit; however, the fence(s) may not be standing for more than 180 days consecutively, or in a calendar year, unless otherwise authorized by the city engineer or other authorized agent. Any such fence must be removed within 14 days of the City providing written notice to the property's owner or occupant that the City has determined the fence no longer serves its originally intended temporary purpose.
 2. Seasonal Garden Fences. Fences made of wire and/or wood shall be allowed around garden areas without a permit, provided that any such fence is located entirely in the side or rear yard, does not exceed six (6) feet in height; and all fencing shall be removed at the end of the growing season, unless otherwise authorized by the city's zoning administrator or other authorized agent. Any such fence must be removed within 14 days of the City providing written notice to the property's owner or occupant that the City has determined the fence no longer serves its originally intended seasonal purpose.
- B. Application Procedures. Each application for a permit under this section shall be submitted on forms provided by the City. Each such application shall include:

1. A certificate of survey or detailed site plan showing the property boundaries, the location of house(s), garage(s), any structures, access drives, and other relevant improvements on the lot.
 2. and The location of the fencing to be erected, altered or relocated.
 3. A drawing and description of the proposed fence; and where required for property line fences, the notarized signature of all abutting neighbors. A survey may not be required if the corner property stakes are located on the property or a survey exists in the property file.
- C. Standards for Residential District Fences. Fences of chain-link construction shall only be permitted in rear yards. Except as otherwise provided herein, no fence shall be erected or maintained more than six (6) feet in height. The following standards shall also apply:
1. All fences shall be ~~approximately 1' from the property line~~, located entirely upon the private property of the person, firm or corporation constructing or causing the construction of such fence. No fences shall be placed on or extend into public rights-of-way, ~~or be located on public easements.~~ Fences placed within city drainage and utility easements would need to be removed and replaced at the expense of the property owner should the easement need to be accessed at any time and for any purpose. Fences may be located on the boundary line between properties only if the location is agreed to by notarized signature of all adjoining property owners, with copies provided to the City.
 2. That side of any fence considered to be its "face" (i.e., the finished side having no structural supports) shall face abutting property or street right-of-way.
 3. Every fence shall be constructed in a substantial, workman-like manner and of substantial material reasonably suited for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. Every fence shall be maintained in a condition of reasonable repair and shall not be allowed to become and remain in a condition of disrepair or danger, or constitute a public or private nuisance. Any such fence which is, or has become dangerous to the public safety, health or welfare, is a public nuisance, and the City shall commence proceedings for the abatement thereof. Link fences, wherever permitted, shall be constructed in such a manner that no barbed ends shall be at the top. Electric and barbed wire fences shall not be permitted.
 4. Fences on all corner lots erected within ~~thirty (30)~~ feet of the intersecting property line shall be subject to Section 19, Subd. 8 of this Ordinance.
 5. Fences in the required front yard shall not exceed 3 and 1/2 feet in height.
 6. Fences used for the enclosure of ~~tennis sport~~ courts shall not exceed ~~ten (10)~~ feet in height and shall be located in a rear yard only and at least five (5) feet from any property line.

D. Standards for Business and Industrial District Fences. Property line fences in all Business Districts shall be a maximum of six (6) feet in height and in Industrial Districts shall be a maximum of (8) feet in height, except as otherwise provided herein. The following standards shall also apply:

1. All fences shall be ~~approximately 1' from the property line~~, located entirely upon the private property of the person, firm or corporation constructing or causing the construction of such fence, ~~unless the owner of the property adjoining agrees, in writing, that such fence may be erected on the division line of the respective properties.~~ No fences shall be placed on or extend into public rights-of-way, ~~or be located on public easements.~~ Fences placed within city drainage and utility easements would need to be removed and replaced at the expense of the property owner should the easement need to be accessed at any time and for any purpose. Fences may be located on the boundary line between properties only if the location is agreed to by notarized signature of all adjoining property owners, with copies provided to the City.
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4. Fences on all corner lots erected within ~~thirty (30)~~ feet of the intersecting property line shall be subject to Section 19, Subd. 11 of this Ordinance.
5. Fences exceeding the maximum height requirement may be permitted as a conditional use permit if findings are made that the fence is necessary to protect, buffer or improve the premises for which the fence is intended and the application meets the requirements of Section 28.-

Section 2. The Long Lake Zoning Ordinance, Section 19, Subd. 10, is hereby amended as follows. Additions are underlined, and deletions are shown with a ~~strike through~~:

Subd. 10. Required Screening

The fencing and landscaping required by this Ordinance shall be subject to Section 19, Subd. 9 and shall consist of either a fence or a green belt planting strip.

A. Locations Requiring Screening

1. ~~Swimming Pools. All swimming pools shall be fenced and secure so as to prevent unauthorized persons from entering. Fences shall not be less than six (6) feet in height.~~ fully enclosed by a noncorrosive material safety fence at least four (4) feet in height, not to exceed six (6) feet in height, and equipped with safeguards to prevent children from gaining uncontrolled access. All gates or doors to swimming pools shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices placed at a sufficient height so as to be inaccessible to all small children. Safety fences shall be constructed so as to inhibit the climbing thereof by any person.
 - a. In all residential districts, swimming pools shall be setback at least 10 feet from all adjoining property lines and, except for fences and pump enclosures, shall be located at least 10 feet away from any other building or structure on the same property. Swimming pools shall not be permitted in a front yard, in the area between the street right-of-way and the minimum required building side yard setback line, or within any drainage or utility easement.
 - b. Swimming pools in the R-2 District shall be permitted in the rear subject to the required side yard and building/structure setbacks, and must be located outside of the shore impact zone. The survey accompanying a permit application for a pool in the R-2 District must include an updated impervious surface calculation for any paving or hard surface to be added in conjunction with the pool (pool deck, equipment pad, etc.).

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Lake this 20th day of May, 2025.

Date of Adoption:	May 20, 2025
Date of Publication:	May 31, 2025
Effective Date:	May 31, 2025

ATTEST:

BY:

Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk

Charlie Miner, Mayor