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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

All fences need zoning review. Within the city's ordinary residential scope, fences up to and including 7 feet do not need a building permit; taller fences and pool barriers do. Confirm September 2026 amended yard/site rules with CPED. Ask Development Review for intake: required building work uses the current application and separate plan delivery. Obtain applicable approvals before work and follow required inspections.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Minneapolis jurisdiction, zoning, required yards and any historic or other special-site review with CPED.
- [ ] Use the September 2026 enacted amendment, not the older handout alone, to confirm height, opacity, entrance access and street visibility.
- [ ] Establish actual lot lines and show fence runs, gates, buildings, streets, sidewalks, easements and relevant grades on a usable site drawing.
- [ ] Separate ordinary fencing from pool barriers, retaining structures, powered equipment and right-of-way work when asking which approvals apply.
- [ ] Assign zoning intake and any required building application, plans, current fees and corrections to the owner or contractor in writing.
- [ ] Keep the applicable approvals, follow the city's inspection directions and arrange utility locating before excavation.

Not a permit, property survey, engineering plan or legal determination.

Confirm current rules, site conditions and required approvals with the authority.

Official sources, conditions and the full guide:

fenceadvisors.com/blog/minneapolis-mn-fence-permits-code

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