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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Rochester's FAQ exempts qualifying fences six feet or less from building permits if vehicle sightlines are unaffected. Zoning, drainage and placement remain. Ask Community Development whether the actual fence needs a certificate, another clearance or no separate zoning application. If assigned a certificate, use its official form/site plan and confirm the assessment. No universal certificate applicability or above-six-foot building rule is established.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Rochester, Minnesota jurisdiction, zoning, special-site conditions and legal property and right-of-way lines.
- [ ] Describe the ordinary fence's location, complete height, materials and grades, and separate pool, retaining or powered-gate work.
- [ ] Check front-of-building restrictions, drainage easements, access, visibility, electric clearances and relevant material prohibitions.
- [ ] Ask Community Development whether the actual compliant fence needs a zoning certificate, another clearance or no separate zoning application.
- [ ] If assigned the certificate route, prepare its site plan and project/address/PIN information and confirm the posted charge and current assessment.
- [ ] Obtain applicable determinations and issued approvals before work, arrange utility locating and follow only the inspections assigned to required work.

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/rochester-mn-fence-permits-code

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