

Attachment C

Fence Regulations in Iowa

City		Is a permit required to install a fence?	Permit Fee	Fence Height*	
Des Moines		Yes. Exception: a permit is not required for 1) chain link and wire fences 4'-0" or less in height located outside the front yard and 2) all other fences 3'-0" or less in height.		6 ft.	6 ft. - 8 ft.
Cedar Rapids	Yes.		\$35.00	7 ft.	10 ft.
Davenport	No.		na	6 ft.	6 ft. - 8 ft.
Sioux City		A permit is only required for fences 72" in height and retaining walls over 48" in height.	Based on project cost	6 ft. - 8 ft. ¹	6 ft. - 8 ft. ²
Iowa City		A permit is only required for fences over 6'-0" in height, electric fences, barbed wire fences, retaining walls over four feet in height, and retaining walls of any height that support surcharge or impound flammable liquids.	Based on project cost	8 ft.	8 ft.
West Des Moines	Yes.		\$40.00	6 ft. - 8 ft. ³	6 ft.
Ankeny	Yes.		\$25.00	6 ft. - 8 ft. ⁴	8 ft.
Waterloo		Yes. Exception: a permit is not required for fences and retaining walls 4'-0" in height and under.	Based on project cost	8 ft.	8 ft. - 10 ft. ⁵
Ames ⁶	No.		na	6 ft.	6 ft.
Council Bluffs	No.		na	6 ft.	6 ft.
Omaha, NE	Yes.		Min.: \$41.00	6 ft.	6 ft. - 10 ft.

*Maximum fence height allowed in the interior side and rear yard setbacks

¹8 ft. tall fences only allowed when abutting a mixed-use/nonresidential district

²8 ft. tall fences only allowed when abutting the General Industrial (GI) District

³8 ft. tall fences only allowed in the Residential Estates (RE) District when lot exceeds 40,000 sq. ft. in area

⁴An 8 ft. tall fence is allowed if the portion of fence higher than six feet is constructed with 70% of the surface area open

⁵A 10 ft. tall fence is allowed if the fence or portion thereof above eight (8) feet is constructed of chain link or wire

⁶The maximum height for fences located outside of the required setback is 8 ft.