

## Fence Regulations in Iowa

			Residential	Commercial
City	Is a permit required to install a fence?	Permit Fee	Fence Height*	
Des Moines	Yes. <b>Exception:</b> 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. <sup>1</sup>	6 ft. - 8 ft. <sup>2</sup>
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. <sup>3</sup>	6 ft.
Ankeny	Yes.	\$25.00	6 ft. - 8 ft. <sup>4</sup>	8 ft.
Waterloo	Yes. <b>Exception:</b> 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. <sup>5</sup>
Ames <sup>6</sup>	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

<sup>1</sup>8 ft. tall fences only allowed when abutting a mixed-use/nonresidential district

<sup>2</sup>8 ft. tall fences only allowed when abutting the General Industrial (GI) District

<sup>3</sup>8 ft. tall fences only allowed in the Residential Estates (RE) District when lot exceeds 40,000 sq. ft. in area

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

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

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