

VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
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Requirements for Building Permit for Electric or Electronic Pet Containment Systems

A building permit is required for the construction of any new or modified electronic or electric pet containment systems (also known as electric pet fences). The information provided below and on the attached pages will serve as a guide. If at any time you have questions, please feel free to contact the Community Development Department.

The basic requirements for receiving an electric or electronic pet containment system permit include:

- Completed permit application (available online at www.wsprings.com)
- Plat of survey marked with proposed location of the fence and signs. The plat must also depict the current location of the home, garage, driveway, and other structures.
- Copy of fence specifications (e.g. manufacturer description, materials, installation details, etc.)
- The fence contractor/installer must be registered with the Village.
- Payment of the \$25.00 permit fee.
- The property owner or contractor must call the Community Development Department to schedule an inspection of the fence and signs. The inspection must take place within 48 hours of the fence installation.

In general, all pet fences must adhere to the following rules:

- Fences are allowed in the front, rear, and corner side yards only if they are located not less than six (6') feet from the said property line.
- If the fence is proposed for any property line which abuts a sidewalk, the fence shall be located at a distance not less than six (6') feet from the sidewalk.
- Signs are required as follows:
 - No less than two (2) signs indicating the presence of the pet fence system must be installed with one sign to be located at each corner of the front or corner side yard.
 - Signs must be located in such a manner that they are able to be read from the front or corner side yard.
 - Properties with a front yard measuring greater than 66 feet in width shall install an additional sign (3rd sign) that is located near the middle of the front property line.
 - The signs shall not exceed one (1) square foot in area.
- All pet fences systems shall be constructed in conformance with the approved plans.

Special Circumstances:

Timber Trails Subdivision - Special easements provisions within the Timber Trails Subdivision may apply to the rear yards of lots 47-52 and 105-114. Residents are encouraged to review their closing documents or consult with the Timber Trails Homeowners Association.

Please refer to the attached information for all applicable fence-related regulations. Community Development Staff Members are available to answer resident or contractor questions regarding fences. Please call us at (708) 246-1800, ext. 177 or 180.