

CITY OF VILLA GROVE  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-MC17

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGES TO THE CITY  
OF VILLA GROVE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION  
ON LOCATION OF FENCING**

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND  
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE  
CITY OF VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS  
THIS SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

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PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF VILLA GROVE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THIS SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

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October 6, 2025

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Villa Grove, Illinois (the "City"), is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto with full powers to enact ordinances for the benefit of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, 65 ILCS 5 authorizes the City to provide for zoning regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Zoning Ordinance currently provides for a setback for fences of 2 feet minimum; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Planning Commission has held a public hearing on October 1, 2025 pursuant to duly made publication, has determined that except for portions abutting alleyways, it is instead allowable to locate fences along the property line and has therefore made the recommendation adopt the within ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City deems it appropriate to adopt the changes contained herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF VILLA GROVE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

SECTION 1. Incorporation Clause. The Mayor and the City Council find that all the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and does hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Purpose. The purpose of the within ordinance is to clarify where fence construction is allowed under the City Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and shall be published in pamphlet form in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 4. Invocation of Authority. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to this City by the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Illinois Compiled Statutes.

SECTION 5. State law Adopted. All applicable provisions of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, including the Illinois Municipal Code, as may be amended from time to time, relating to the purposes of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 6. Ordinance Amendments. Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 150: Building Regulations, §150.05 REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCES of the City of Villa Grove Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to now read in entirety as follows:

“All fences newly-built, repaired or constructed as replacement of an existing fence shall adhere to the following:

(A) All fence construction must adhere to the visibility triangle rules as set forth in §96.21 herein.

(B) Fences must be inside a property's boundary line except that portion which abuts a City Alleyway in which case such portion must be built no less than two (2) feet (minimum) inside that portion of a property's boundary line abutting said alleyway. Property owners should take appropriate measures to ascertain the exact boundary lines before beginning construction of a fence.

(C) Fences along the front boundary of a home shall be no higher than four (4) feet above the ground.

(D) Privacy fences shall not extend beyond the front edge of the home, and cannot be higher than six (6) feet above the ground

(E) It shall be unlawful for any person within the city to place, maintain or keep a fence, railing or guard of any kind constructed of barbed wire, iron spikes or other sharp-pointed, metallic instruments. The provisions of this section shall not apply to barbed wire strands placed on top of another type of fence and no less than seven (7) feet above the ground.

(F) Homeowners shall be responsible for securing a fence permit application at the office of the City Clerk, along with payment of the permit fee as defined in §150.17(B)(5).

(G) Signature of the Building Inspector (or Mayor if there is a vacancy of that office) on said application shall be construed as the approval of and issuance of said permit. Construction shall not begin at any time prior to the executed fence permit being issued and received by the homeowner."

SECTION 7. Headings. The headings for the articles, sections, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance, nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part of this Ordinance be determined to be shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable, and as though not provided for herein, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had not such unconstitutional or invalid provision, clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-paragraph, section, or part thereof had not been included.

SECTION 9. Superseder and Publication. All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are to the extent of such conflict hereby superseded. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the City as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval, as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.


**PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS, at its regular meeting on this sixth day of October, A.D., 2025, by a roll call vote as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Clark, Wayne R.	✓			
Elston, Christopher R.	✓			
Fulk, Andrew J.	✓			
Hooker, Anthony L.	✓			
Nieto, Gilbert III				✓
Taylor-Sanford, Clay D.	✓			
<i>If required, Mayoral vote:</i> Rasmussen, Derek L.				

APPROVED:

  
DEREK L. RASMUSSEN  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
MICHELLE L. OSBORNE  
City Clerk

