

## FENCE POLICY

This policy establishes general guidelines for fence materials and building practices, and is to be be used for planning purposes only. Final approval of a fence building project will rest with the CIHA Executive Director.

- 1. Wood fences will have the following characteristics:
  - a. All material will be of grade number 2 or better.
  - b. All material will be cedar or treated fir. (Proof of treatment required.)
  - c. All treated fir above ground will have a retention rating of .25 or better; ground level and below will be .40 retention or better. (A .25 retention rating is approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pound of active ingredient per 1 cubic foot.)
  - d. Posts will be straight 4"x 4" or larger and set in concrete with a minimum depth of 2'.
  - e. All metal fasteners will be of a non-rust material.
- 2. Metal fences will have the following characteristics:
  - a. All material will be weather and rust resistant.
  - b. All posts will be no less than 2" diameter.
  - c. All posts will be set in concrete with a minimum depth of 2'.
  - d. All metal fences will be of chain link or ornamental design. (No stock fence or chicken wire.)
- 3. Vinyl and composite fencing materials are acceptable. Installation shall be per manufacturer's instructions/specifications.
- 4. All fences are subject to the following:
  - a. The maximum height in front yards will be 4'.
  - b. The maximum height in back yards will be 6'.
  - c. An alternative fence height may be considered under certain circumstances.
  - d. The front yard set back lines will be 6'.
  - e. The side and back yard set back will be on the property line, unless this will hinder emergency vehicles from accessing the home.
  - f. No fence will cross property boundaries.
- 5. The CIHA Executive Director must approve all fence projects. Exceptions to these general guidelines may be granted on a case by case basis. Modifications to proposed fence projects may be required depending on lot configuration. Property improvement requests and lot maps are available at the CIHA office. The resident agrees to maintain the fence in good condition. CIHA reserves the right to remove the fence at resident's expense. Resident is responsible for obtaining locates for buried pipes and cable from utility service providers prior to beginning work and will be held liable for any repair costs arising from the failure to obtain utility locates or to use proper precaution in areas identified as containing underground utilities by a utility service provider.