
Memo

To: Village Board

Fr: Mark Roberts, Code and Safety Enforcement Coordinator

Re: Fence Ordinance

Date: April 7, 2016

The current fence ordinance has a section concerning the maintenance of fences which allows a resident 90 days to fix a major defect and 30 days to fix a minor defect.

The Village has had an influx of damaged fences recently, most happening in December, and notices have been sent out to correct the damaged fences, allowing 90 days. None of the residents have complied, so the neighborhoods have had unrepaired major damaged fences to look at for over three months.

The staff feels the amount of time to correct a major damaged fence should be lessened to 30 days, but allowing the resident to work with staff for extensions if needed due to weather, insurance claims, etc. Minor damage, such as one board falling off or breaking, should be lessened to 15 days for repair.

Currently out of four major damaged fences, citations have been issued to two residents for non-compliance one has been granted an extension due to extenuating circumstances and the third has a few days left to comply with no action having been taken so far.

Village Board is asked to approve changes to time allowed to correct damaged fences.

26.10 MAINTENANCE OF FENCES.

A. Every fence shall be maintained free of structural impairment and major surface defects or shall be removed at the fence owner's expense. Repairs required to correct any such deficiency shall be performed within ~~90~~30 days from the date of damage.

B. Every fence shall be maintained free of minor structural impairment and minor surface defects or shall be removed at the fence owner's expense. Repairs required to correct any such deficiency shall be performed within ~~30~~15 days from the date of damage.

C. Hedges shall be trimmed or confined to the property on which they are planted.