

**ARTICLE 6.**  
**GREENBELTS, FENCES, RETAINING WALLS**

SECTION 6.01. GREENBELTS. In all commercial and industrial districts adjacent to residential districts and not divided by streets there shall be provided along the property line an eight (8) foot wide planting strip composed of grass, trees and shrubs. Trees at least one and one half (1 ½) inches in diameter, shall be planted not more than thirty (30) feet apart. Shrubs shall be planted not more than five (5) feet apart and be at least five (5) feet in height after five (5) full growing seasons, and attain a height of eight (8) feet at maturity.

A decorative masonry wall not less than five (5) feet in height and not less than eight (8) inches in thickness may be substituted for the above greenbelt upon approval of the City Council.

The greenbelt or wall area shall be maintained in an attractive condition at all times.

SECTION 6.02. FENCES.

- A. Permits Required. All fence construction shall require a permit approved by the City Council
- B. Setbacks.
  - 1. Any fence may be placed no closer than three feet (3') from the property line.
  - 2. Fences or walls can be placed no closer than two feet (2') to any right of way.
- C. Construction. All fences hereafter erected shall have the structural components thereof facing the side of the property for and on which the same are erected.
- D. Barbed Wire Fence. No fence constructed wholly or in part of barbed wire shall be located in the city.
- E. Swimming Pools. Every owner of an outdoor swimming pool located in the City of Morton shall erect and maintain a fence or barrier of not less than six feet (6') in height around such swimming pool of such construction as to safeguard the area. The fence must have a maximum clearance from the ground of three inches; and shall be equipped with self-closing doors and latches.
- F. Snow Fences. Utility snow fences may be used only during the winter months and shall be removed at the end of each winter season.
- G. Maintenance. Every fence shall be maintained in good and safe condition at all times. Every damaged or missing element of any fence shall be repaired or replaced immediately.
- H. Height.
  - 1. Front Yards. Within residential districts, fences or walls located in a front yard shall not exceed forty-two inches (42") measured from its top edge to the ground at any point.
  - 2. Rear and Side Yards. Within residential districts, no fence or wall located in the rear and side yard shall be a height exceeding eight feet (8'), measured from its top edge to the ground at any point.
  - 3. Tennis Court Fences. Fences up to ten feet (10') in height may be permitted to enclose tennis courts provided all other requirements of this ordinance are met.
  - 4. Business and Industrial Districts. Fences and walls located in business and industrial districts that exceed the height of eight feet (8') measured from its top edge to the ground at any point shall require a permit.

## APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

To the Morton City Council of the City of Morton in the County of Renville, State of Minnesota:

The undersigned property owner \_\_\_\_\_,

whose address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby applies for a permit to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

a building described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Proposed Construction Details:**

Front or width in feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Side or length in feet \_\_\_\_\_

Height in feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Sidewall Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: \_\_\_\_\_

Contents in Cubic Feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Square Feet \_\_\_\_\_

### **Yard Details:**

Side yard setback: \_\_\_\_\_ Back yard setback: \_\_\_\_\_

Front yard setback: \_\_\_\_\_

Other buildings existing on property: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of each building: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe proposed foundation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe material to be used for sidewalls: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe materials to be used for roofing: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Construction is to begin: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree that, in the event such permit is granted, that all work shall be done and all materials which shall be used shall comply with the plans and specifications therefore herewith submitted and with all the ordinances of said City of Morton applicable thereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please provide a diagram of existing and proposed construction on the reverse side.  
(Please include size of structures and distances from property lines)*

*For structures being moved in photographs of each side of the structure are REQUIRED to be attached.*

Motioned by \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_\_