

ORDINANCE

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**An ordinance Amending the Cook County Building Code Re: Construction
Fencing
(Ordinance Amendment)**

WHEREAS, the County of Cook is a Home Rule unit in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority to adopt ordinances and promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government affairs that protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois that the Cook County Building Code incorporate the following ordinance:

Article IV General Provisions
Section 4.4-3

Construction Fencing

- A. If a permit authorizes demolition or authorizes construction of a new principal structure or substantial excavation, then the applicant shall cause a safety fence to be installed around the subject property in a location and manner approved by the department.

The protective fencing herein required shall be at least six feet high in height and be of substantial construction capable of preventing persons from falling into such excavation or construction or otherwise being injured by virtue of such work.

The fencing shall be installed not more than seven (7) days nor less than four (4) days before the commencement of any work on the subject property, including mass grading and the installation of site utilities, pursuant to any permit issued by Cook County. Said fencing shall remain in place until a certificate of occupancy is issued for the structure. The location of the perimeter fencing may be changed during the construction period with the approval from the Building and Zoning Department. "No Trespassing" signs shall be mounted on the fencing in conspicuous location around the site. If the size of the construction site is too large for fencing alone to be effective, in the judgment of the Building and Zoning Department, the permittee must have the construction area patrolled by a licensed Illinois detective agency during the hours specified herein for the closing and locking of gates.

- A. Any gate in a perimeter fence must be closed at all times except to allow and egress to and from the site. Said gate must be locked at all times, other than permitted hours of construction specified in Section 4.5 of the Building Code and at any other time when no work is being performed on the site.
- A. Fencing, as provided herein, shall also be required for any construction project of Cook County, school or park district, or any other public agency, whether or not the project is located within any area in which Cook County has authority and jurisdiction.
- A. Fencing, as provided herein, shall also be required around any activity, whether a building permit is required or not, where construction or landscaping materials are stored or stockpiled.

No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for any construction undertaken in conjunction with the provisions of this ordinance until such time that all penalties and fines have been resolved to the satisfaction of the County.

Section 3 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after this day of passage.

Approved and adopted this 10th day of July 2001

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