

## Zoning Violations

Neighborhood Standards works very closely with the City of Rockford Zoning Office as it relates to the enforcement of certain Zoning Ordinance violations. The Zoning Office will still continue to handle complaints such as Special Use permit violations, occupancy/use of a property or structure, and gravel driveway/parking lot regulations.

The items listed in this section are the complaints that Neighborhood Standards investigates.

## Fences

Prior to the construction of a fence, a fence permit needs to be obtained and will need to include a detailed site plan, including construction and elevation details drawn to scale. Permits may be submitted to the Permit Center located at City Hall.

The most common types of complaints that Neighborhood Standards investigates are issues with fence height and confirmation of fence permits. For more information about height restrictions and other fence regulations, please call the Zoning Office at 987-5585.

Neighborhood Standards also fields calls dealing with property line disputes and fences. However, due to the complicated nature of these complaints and the need for a property survey to be completed, it will be the responsibility of the complainant to pursue the civil recourses that are at their disposal.

## Dumpster Enclosures

The City of Rockford Zoning Ordinance requires that all dumpsters located in multifamily complexes, or at commercial or industrial sites within the City of Rockford be enclosed within permanent walls or site-obscuring fences. Properties that were exempt from this requirement prior to December 2000 must now be in compliance with current standards.

All dumpster enclosures are required to have a permit submitted before construction may be started. For more information on dumpster enclosures please contact the Zoning Office at 987-5585.



Example of an enclosed dumpster

## Prohibited Signs

The following signs and advertising devices are prohibited by the City of Rockford Zoning Ordinance.

- A. Rotating Signs with preprogrammed movement;
- B. Signs that change messages by rotating or swiveling;

- C. Strobe lights;
- D. Electronic copy change boards greater than 72 sq. ft.;
- E. Mobile signs – any sign not permanently affixed to the ground;
- F. Searchlights, except by permit of the City Council;
- G. Signs erected on public property or the public right of way;
- H. Signs posted on fences located on property lines;
- I. Signs posted on utility poles, trees or on other natural features;
- J. Signs erected on roof tops, except for on-premise business signs not exceeding 30 ft in height from the grade of the building;
- K. Sandwich signs – folding mobile sign;
- L. Signs attached to or painted on a vehicle parked on or adjacent to a public thoroughfare for the sole purpose of advertising.

## **Banners or Inflatable Signs and Advertising Devices**

Banners or inflatable signs and advertising devices are permitted in the City of Rockford under the following circumstances:

1. A temporary sign permit is required from the Zoning Office (Permit Center) at City Hall;
2. Permitted in commercial or Industrial Districts for not more than seven (7) calendar days in any one six-month period;
3. Maximum square footage for each sign is 200 square feet;
4. Maximum number of signs/advertising devices at one time is 2;
5. The signs or advertising devices must not exceed 30 feet in height.

**For more information call the Zoning Office at (815) 987-5585  
or to register a complaint call Neighborhood Standards at (815) 987-5566.**