

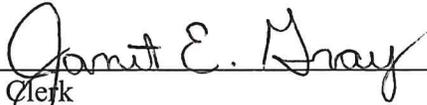
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**VILLAGE OF RANTOUL  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

Published in pamphlet form this 13th day of February, 2024, by authority of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois.

  
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Village Clerk

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**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Rantoul, on September 12, 2017, adopted Ordinance 2542, an Ordinance adopting a Comprehensive Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Rantoul (Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Rantoul), which is known and cited as the Rantoul Zoning Ordinance (the “**Zoning Ordinance**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Rantoul Zoning Administrator, as petitioner, has filed with the Rantoul Planning & Zoning Commission (the “**Commission**”) a request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to make changes to site development standards in the Ordinance, including permitting the installation of barb wiring on fencing in certain zoning districts and for certain uses (the “**Requested Zoning Change**”) and;

**WHEREAS**, notices of a public hearing (the “**Notices**”) to be held at 6:00 pm, on Thursday, January 4, 2024, in the Village of Rantoul Municipal Building, 333 S. Tanner Street, Rantoul, Illinois on the Requested Zoning Change was published once in the News Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation within Village, on December 20, 2023; date being not more than thirty (30) days nor less than fifteen (15) days before the date of such public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2024, at the time and place specified in the Notices, the Commission held and conducted the public hearing on the Requested Zoning Change, during which public hearing any person appearing at such public hearing and wishing to be heard or to otherwise communicate in writing concerning the Requested Zoning Change was permitted to do so by the Commission before final adjournment of such public hearing in connection with such Requested Zoning Change; and

**WHEREAS**, after hearing all testimony, receiving such written reports and other documentation related to the Requested Zoning Change, and following a full and complete discussion of the Requested Zoning Change, the Commission, by an affirmative vote of 6-1, made and forwarded its recommendation to the Corporate Authorities that the change as requested in the Requested Zoning Change be approved, and the Commission thereafter adjourned its meeting of January 4, 2024 in connection with the Requested Zoning Change;

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities hereby find that the Requested Zoning Change is consistent with and conforms to the goals, policies, and objectives of the Village’s comprehensive plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities, after full and complete consideration of the Requested Zoning Change, and the recommendation of the Commission in connection therewith, has deemed it is in the best interests of the Village to approve and adopt the change, as is hereinafter set forth in this Ordinance below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if fully set forth as findings of the Village Board.

**Section 2.** Chapter 46, the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Rantoul, be amended as follows with

strikethroughs being deletions and underlining being additions:

**Sec. 46-134. - Fence or Wall.**

1. A building permit is required for all fences and walls.
2. Any fence or wall, bounding any yard and in any district, must be constructed or installed with any posts, other supporting material, or rough or unfinished material facing the interior of the lot on which the fence or wall is located.
3. A fence or wall may be erected along property lines, but must not encroach within six inches of existing public sidewalks or public rights-of-way. Fences built on or within a public easement may be removed by the village or at the direction of the Village at the owner's expense in the event that repairs, maintenance, replacements, or improvements are deemed necessary by the Village in such easements.
4. A fence or wall must not obstruct the intersection visibility clearance area or driveway visibility clearance areas as described in Section 46-133. Fence or wall height shall be limited to 2.5 feet in these areas.
5. Fences or walls that do not exceed eight feet in height are permitted in any required side or rear yard of any zoning district.
6. Fences or walls in any required front yard of a residential district are permitted only as follows:
  - a. No chain link fences shall be permitted in a residential front yard.
  - b. Fences or walls providing less than 70 percent open visibility must not exceed three feet in height, subject to the provisions of Item 4 of this section.
  - c. Fences or walls providing 70 percent or more open visibility must not exceed four feet in height, subject to the provisions of Item 4 of this section.
  - d. On corner lots located at the intersection of any two street rights-of-way, the portion of the required front yard not designated as the mailing or postal address of the corner lot, and that does not extend into or overlap the required front yard designated as the mailing or postal address, may be treated as a side yard, and fences, walls, and hedges that do not exceed six feet in height shall be permitted; provided, however, that:
    - i. Such fences, walls, and hedges are not permitted within five feet of any front lot line treated as being within a side yard; and
    - ii. Such are subject to the restrictions contained in Section 46-133.
7. Fences or walls in any required front yard of a non-residential district are permitted only as follows:
  - a. No chain link fences shall be permitted in a non-residential front yard.
  - b. Fences or walls providing less than 70 percent open visibility must not exceed three feet in height, subject to the provisions of Item 4 of this section.
  - c. Fences or walls providing 70 percent or more open visibility must not exceed six feet in height subject to the provisions of Item 4 of this section.
  - d. On corner lots located at the intersection of any two street rights-of-way, the portion of the required front yard not otherwise designated as the mailing or postal address of the corner lot, and that does not extend into or overlap the required front yard designated as the mailing or postal address (or the lesser distance as is parallel to the face of an existing building designated as the mailing or postal address and used for the principal use in the CB district), may be treated as a side yard, and fences and walls that do not exceed six feet in height shall be permitted; provided, however, that such fences and walls shall be not permitted within:

- i. Ten feet of any front lot line treated as being within a side yard; or
- ii. Within the intersection visibility area or driveway visibility area described under Section 46-133.

8. Any fence or wall must meet the following requirements:

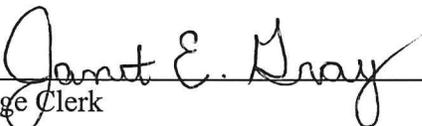
- a. Fencing materials may include ornamental metal fencing, decorative wood fencing, or decorative vinyl fencing.
- b. Chain link fencing shall only be permitted as a fencing material under circumstances when it is used for the purpose of protecting persons or property and promoting public safety:
  - i. In the Airfield (AF) District, the Industrial/Commercial (IC) District, Industrial (I) District, or
  - ii. In any zoning district for a non-residential development provided that the chain link fencing material is vinyl-coated.
- c. Noncommercial grade solid wood stockade fencing and corrugated sheet metal fencing are prohibited as fencing materials.
- d. Wall materials may include masonry and precast decorative concrete panels. "Jersey" style modular concrete or plastic barriers are prohibited as a wall material.
- e. Masonry or concrete walls must have a column or other design variation every 20 feet.
- f. Materials and colors of fences and walls must be compatible with surrounding development, and must be durable and intended for outdoor usage.
- g. A fence or wall equipped with barbed wire shall only be erected or maintained on property in a non-residential Zoning District, and shall not be located adjacent to a property in a Residential Zoning District, or a residential use. Any strands of such wire shall be at least six feet above ground level. The term "barbed wire" shall mean steel fencing wire constructed with sharp edges or points arranged at intervals along the strands. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect or maintain a fence or wall equipped with ~~barbed wired~~, razor wire or any similar or other sharp or sharp-pointed material.
- h. No person shall erect or maintain anywhere in the Village an above ground electrically charged fence or wall.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

**Section 4.** The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

This Ordinance is hereby passed, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Corporate Authorities then holding office at a regular meeting on the date set forth below.

**PASSED** this 13th day of February, 2024.

  
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Village Clerk

**APPROVED** this 13th day of February, 2024.

  
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Village President