

Land Use Bulletin

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ATTENTION OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SURFACE PARKING LOTS

Do you own or operate a surface parking lot or vehicular use area larger than 30,000 square feet?

If so, please be aware of the new provisions in the Chicago Zoning Ordinance:

All surface parking lots and other vehicular use areas of 30,000 square feet or more are required to have ornamental fencing installed along the perimeter of those lot lines adjacent to public streets by January 1, 2004.

In 1991, the Chicago City Council passed the City of Chicago landscape Ordinance. All new developments have been mandated to meet these new guidelines. Existing developments have been required to comply with the Landscape Ordinance over a scheduled timeline. This phase of the ordinance will go into effect January 1, 2004.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Chicago Zoning Ordinance, all surface parking lots and other vehicular use area of 30,000 sq. feet or more are required to have ornamental fencing installed along the perimeter of those lot lines adjacent to public streets. Failure to comply with this Ordinance by January 1, 2004, may result in a notice of violation issued by the Department of Zoning.

The City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development seeks to get the word out to area property owners in order to encourage voluntary compliance. Please call us if you have questions regarding the above or would like assistance in addressing any related issues.

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