

1. I moved to the neighborhood because of the no fence policy. I like the scenery openness and fences interfere with that view. Any change in the covenants or the interpretation of how those covenants were enforced in the past - I am against.
2. Wrought iron fences only if have to have fence
3. Greater individual freedom while maintaining high quality standards is a good course to take.
4. Stick with fences for pools only
5. Broadening the fence law is pro-pet. Fences not only keep our pets in our yard but also keeps other pets out. Underground fencing is not as effective as physical fence.
6. I think fences can diminish the look of the neighborhood and decrease property values.
7. I agree with the fence guidelines the way are currently written. Thanks!
8. I would like to see a similar survey regarding outbuildings.
9. Fences should be considered but they should only be the wrought iron or black aluminum fences. Wood or vinyl fences should not be allowed. Also fences should be placed on lot lines so that if neighbors put up fences there is not a space between fences which would make maintenance hard. Neighbors would share a fence between their lots. We thought we would want a fence when we moved here, but now are glad we couldn't put one up. It makes everything seem so open.
10. I would say anyone should be able to put up a fence without permission. That being said I don't think chain link fences should be allowed, anything else nobody should even have to ask permission.
11. Fence guidelines should remain as they were originally written.
12. Prefer less fences to keep the open feel of the neighborhood
13. Fences should not be allowed
14. Does IHOA pay for the lake upkeep, i.e. aerator, carp, etc? 2. Fence - were properties on W side waived for taller fences because of apartments behind them? 3. I vote window AC unit at least be addressed in bylaws. 4. Will shed on Towanda property be removed?
15. Answer to #3 could be yes, but would want to understand the reasoning before just saying yes by default.

16. Our son owns a lawn service. I help him quite often and have seen some really poorly maintained fences in some very nice neighborhoods. We built here because we loved the open views. If people want fences for dogs, they can install underground fencing. Let's keep the beautiful vistas for people to enjoy now and in the future. NO fences on properties adjoining the golf course. Thanks for soliciting our views.
17. In general, fences cause more problems than they solve. We would prefer as open a neighborhood as possible.
18. The only caveat I would have would be the type of fence. I would not be in favor of wood or vinyl fences that are solid or near solid causing obstructing views.
19. Nice fences only. No chain link fences. Keep grass cut around fences.
20. I can not imagine why anyone needs a fence except for pools
21. Luckily for us, we just put in a pool but having to get 4 neighbors approval was a bit ridiculous. After my in depth research for fence, our covenant says only wood, vinyl or wrought iron fences will be allowed. This needs changed. 95% of the fences in Ironwood are aluminum. A true wrought iron fence would cost about \$300 per 8 feet. Aluminum fences are beautiful. Now, the height requirement of 48 inches does not meet BOCA regulations for those with pools. BOCA regulations state that the ONLY 48 inch fence allowed would have NO horizontal bar within so many inches to the ground. That bar actually allows a child to put their foot on that piece and climb over. But...to "look better", most people ignore those BOCA guidelines and put up aesthetically pleasing fences. I don't want an ugly fence and I don't find a fence with only vertical bars to be pretty. To get both looks and true safety, the fences should be 52 inches for those with pools.
22. I definitely think all fences should be approved that meet the guidelines, but I don't think neighbor approval should even be needed. If it is on your own property why should it matter? Neighbors move; people don't necessarily stay in one place their entire lives. Also, I personally think only black wrought-iron (maybe vinyl, as well) fence materials should be approved. Many of the wooden fences I see look faded and old after just a short time. The wrought-iron lasts so much longer looking nice, and it blends in more with surroundings and doesn't stand out. I think having one style of fence would provide a more consistent and nicer look to the neighborhood. However, if it is either ALL fence styles or NO fence styles, then I would choose all. I think people should be able to get one if they want one, and as long as they keep it maintained, what's the problem?
23. I don't think I should need my neighbors approval.
24. Question 3-assuming all requirements/guidelines would be met? If not we may not provide written approval. Would that info be shared with us prior to our approval?

25. One of the reasons we bought in Ironwood was the no fence rule.
26. Do not think wooden fences should be allowed, as they can become unsightly.
27. Except for iron fences around in ground swimming pools for safety reasons, there is absolutely no reason for fences on any property immediately bordering the golf course. Properties that back up to each other, unconnected from the golf course, or those along the outside perimeter of the subdivision (Farm/major roadway/west side apartments) may require reasonable consideration.
28. Fences should not be allowed other than for inground pools. If you want a fence, there are plenty of nice locations to live elsewhere. This is a golf course setting - wide OPEN unobstructed areas!
29. We feel that if you want to put up a fence that is appealing to look at (wrought iron) to keep your children and dogs safe, then you should be able to. We don't need permission from neighbors to do something like that in my own yard!
30. We already have a fence because of pool
31. Ironwood needs uniform fence guidelines- if we all got the same style of fence it would look fine
32. I think the fence rule holds some validity as far as value goes. But at what point does value matter over the homeowners safety of children and pets. I know just from my household, a fence would allow my children to be outside more, along with my dog. Making daily life easier for my stay at home wife.
33. The main reason we purchased here was the no fence policy! Other subdivisions in town that were once very nice have fences that have not been maintained and are now an eyesore for the community. It would be incredibly difficult to police all the fences and also cause some friction between some neighbors that would then flow the HOA.
34. We've lived in this neighborhood for 30 yrs. we moved here because the neighborhood had an HOA and did not allow fences or above ground pools. The neighborhood is looking tacky with all the above ground pools and fences that do not match and 'cut up' the space.
35. If an adjoining neighbor is making a fence request would I be responsible for paying for part of the fence? And would I have any say in the type of fence being installed?
36. Thank you for sending out this survey. Your first two questions are about the guidelines. I wish there was a simple question or option about agreeing with the guidelines (I don't support as I think they are more detrimental than helpful for home values in 2021). There is so much wind here... the guidelines were well intended, but have become outdated and do not reflect the needs of the windy environment. I believe some people would like to

upgrade their backyards significantly, but these rules might limit what people would like to do (which could help increase home values). Many people who have invested in very nice patios do not use them because of the wind...or the lack of privacy (and perhaps the noisy traffic). People will not invest in a serious upgraded backyard if they can't have some element of privacy or some regular break from the wind. It is my opinion this fence rule has contributed to home values growing slower than other nicer neighborhoods in the area where people can upgrade their backyard and gain some element of privacy (or break from the wind). Until this changes... we will likely not see significant growth in home values compared to other premiere neighborhoods where an upgraded backyard gives at least some privacy

37. I believe in the spirit of the rules which is to keep fences out of the subdivision.
38. Definition of "Special Use" fences should probably be clarified. In our situation, we are on the golf course at the end of hole 2, we have so far 4 houses down the street that have nice fences, we would like a matching wrought iron one for our dogs, but don't want the expense of a pool.
39. Must all pools be bounded by a fence for safety reasons?
40. This should not be an issue. Allow people to have a fence. I know of 3 people who did not purchase a home the last 2 years because the board won't approve these.
41. The approval process is a challenge. Town of Normal requires a fence regardless of the board and neighbors. One neighbor did not approve our fence but we had to have it for our in ground pool. Not sure the neighbor approval is necessary if it meets board guidelines.
42. Just FYI, As a former board member back in the earlier 2000's, fences (other than just for pools) WERE in-fact approved!
43. I believe as long as the fence in question meets the guidelines of the homeowners association my written approval should not be factor. A courtesy notification may be in order, but something short of written approval.
44. I believe non wood (metal/aluminum/vinyl), <48 tall, fences should be allowed abutting the golf course. Especially along areas of rough or out of bounds.
45. We moved to Ironwood because we like the open spaces. All homeowners aren't created equal, some will install a fence and do zero maintenance. The IHOA was designed for a reason. Those who don't like the rules, should perhaps move to a neighborhood that allows their homeowners to do whatever they please.

46. Many people can't get our existing covenants (ex. garbage cans, trailers, etc.). How can we expect them to handle fences correctly? And personally...I really enjoy the open feel to Ironwood and love watching the kids run between the backyards.
47. Everyone moving into Ironwood should have understood the covenants. We have been here since 1992 and see no good reason to change what's working.
48. The first question is confusing. Does that mean the neighbor approval would be part of the process? Also, I sympathize with people moving into an area with the understanding of no fences, then later fences are allowed. I think I am in favor of keeping things the way they are.
49. I do not think that we should allow wooden fences. The enforcement of the maintenance will be impossible and it will end up creating a negative visual for our neighborhood. The fences need to be maintenance free.
50. it is difficult for us to answer #3. Our lot is on the golf course, so the question is moot. If we lived on a lot that allowed a fence, we'd be inclined to say yes. But if that particular neighbor has demonstrated poor upkeep of their present lot, then we'd be reluctant to agree.
51. Only if for a pool. Fences put up walls and we like getting together with all of our neighbors.
52. Also aluminum fences that look like rod iron might be something you can add as an option.
53. The guideline is still too broad and requests should be done on a case by case basis dependent on merit.
54. I think the Fence Guidelines need updating. Wooden or vinyl materials should not be allowed. And what does "special use" mean in item c? No fences should be allowed on the golf course unless required by law (e.g. in ground pools).
55. I think the restrictions/requirements are a little much and need to be adjusted
56. No fences, at all. Period! I moved here because of the way the subdivision looks. It has class. Fences will ruin that!
57. Regarding question #1. Does all requirements include approval letters from next door neighbors or just fencing materials and drawn plans? If so then yes. (begrudgingly)
58. The way this reads (a) IHOA must approve all fences in writing so IHOA can not turn down a request
59. The approval process by the board should be basically a formality. If the submitted fence plan meets all requirements it should be allowed. The board approval should only be to

prevent fences that do not meet the requirements. Get your personal feelings out of this process.

60. We do not understand why the Board would deny any request that meets all requirements. Question 2 was not applicable to us as we already have a fence. We likely would not have moved to Ironwood if our property hadn't already had a fence due to the extensive restrictions to get approval to build a fence.
61. We think the strict fence rules are ridiculous. If a homeowner wants a fence in their yard, even if it's on the golf course, they should be able to put one up. Strongly oppose those on the board who clearly hate fences. Really ridiculous!
62. I love the openness of Ironwood.
63. Question 1. Meeting the Fence Directives alone is not sufficient. The covenants address the use of natural fences like trees and hedges. A homeowner could meet the Fence Directive and still be in violation of the covenant as seen on 1920 Haverhill. Although we appreciate the tree lined street and several other benefits that the tree line offers, we assume the board gave a variance for the extensive planting. However, as written, the question opens up the opportunity for similar fences to meet the Fence Directives and get approval which will change the open, park-like atmosphere of Ironwood. We understand that legal counsel has been consulted concerning this issue. We would be interested in hearing counsel's response to whether the Board could refuse to approve a fence request, if it met all of the guidelines as written here. Question 3. We cannot give a clear yes or no answer to this question. The reason is that it is impossible to meet the Fence Directive requirements since they require future maintenance. The board, any neighbor or any current homeowner cannot assure that the fence will be maintained in the future. The current fence at 1930 Berkshire Gardens was a replacement of an older, decaying fence, that had been approved by the Snyders. Unfortunately, the current fence was not maintained by previous homeowners and needs replacing. The current homeowner has made several home improvements this summer and, due to financial constraints, needs to defer fence maintenance or replacement. We need to add that we like our new neighbors. Our position is not to force them or the Board to replace or remove the fence. It is to show that good intentions by the Board or homeowners does not fulfill the Fence Directive. We are seriously looking at relocating and the poor condition of the fence is a concern for us as we look toward selling our home. The current covenants and by-laws have failed to assure proper maintenance by previous owners. Why would we expect the covenants, by-laws and guidelines, as written here, to improve this situation?
64. House holds with fences already should not have to seek permission to replace when worn out. Please clarify that.
65. Chain link fences should remain forbidden, and the only fences allowed that border the golf course should be wrought iron to secure a swimming pool.

66. Questions are too broad. Would depend on design of the fence, location of the fencing in their back yard and type of materials. If poorly designed, would be a deterrent to the beauty of our back yards views from both homeowner and golf course viewers.
67. Question three is poorly written/asked. What if I did not approve of the fence they wanted? The way I read the bylaw, they need my written approval. The only way I can object is by not sending an approval letter. May want to consider amending bylaw. I should be able, in writing, to express my not approving and have that stop the construction. That is why every fence should have the board's approval and each request handled on its own merits/design/use
68. These questions are not worded well. 1. Of course, why would the board refuse a request that met all the requirements? 2. Already had a fence approved, no need to ask again. 3. Answered Yes because an answer is required. However, we would need to know the features of the fence they want to build before we can say yes or no.
69. I look back to Ironwood Apartments and already have a fence
70. Beauty is invaluable. Ironwood is so park like. My wife and I are strongly in favor of following the current IHOA covenant.
71. I don't believe that a homeowner should have to get their neighbors permission. It causes hard feelings and can cause a house not to be sold if a neighbor says no to a fence. Many prospective buyers want fences.
72. Ali input response from mail-in. For #3, they would only approve if it meets the criteria in the bylaws. Why are there fences that are higher than said criteria? Why are there fences that do not meet maintenance requirements? There are above ground pools with no fences. Assume there is a grandfather clause for those, like us, who have a fence that was approved 20 years ago by the Board.
73. Re: #1. Our first thought is that there should not be fences on the course. We realize there will be exceptions (pools, special needs child, etc.). However, blanket approval if guidelines are met should not handcuff the board and prevent disapproval. What happens if someone meets all the guidelines, i.e., plans a wrought iron fence, has neighbors' approval, but wants it in Viking purple with yellow stripes? OK, probably not a good example, but hopefully you get my drift. Re: #3. The question is worded basically yes or no. That makes it hard to answer. We would sign only if we had no objections. We are on the course.
74. One of the reasons we moved to Ironwood nearly 20 years ago was because of the openness and beauty of the golf course. If that is not valued by someone then they should consider moving elsewhere. There are plenty of subdivisions in Bloomington/Normal that allow fences and don't have such a public presence.

75. Remove B and C. (from fence guidelines)
76. Neighbor approval should not be required if a request meets all other criteria.
77. Please add outdoor sheds to be considered since I already see a lot of them.
78. This survey is too restrictive in how directed the questions are. It is very clear what position the board is attempting to move to. 4 ft open slat wrought iron black fences is not what this community needs. The homes are 25 years old and while most are maintained very well the fence should be reflective of the needs of the individual homeowners and not to appease the homeowners without allowing them to protect their children, keep their dogs within the fence and allow privacy. Medium to large size dogs can jump four foot fences, children can squeeze through small openings and I want the fence to allow privacy in my own space. The affordability of a wrought iron fence is a concern for many as vinyl and wood are more economical and useful all around. This survey does not address the concerns of homeowners and should be to gather the data from individuals to then move to a majority rules vote.
79. Although we knew about the fence restrictions prior to moving in, we hoped they would eventually be removed. I don't see any reason why homeowners shouldn't be allowed to install attractive, functional fences to keep kids and animals safe.
80. The same rules should apply to ALL properties in the subdivision. Specifically, Rule c should be stricken from the Guidelines.
81. Fences should only be out around in ground pools and only around the pool itself, not on property Kine.
82. I prefer that our community have no fences except where an in ground pool exists. Additionally, I prefer that no above ground pools be allowed. Even those that are a couple feet above ground should not be allowed..
83. What's the purpose of the question #2? Also, we think you should have left out the option of wooden fences and only allowed wrought iron so that views of the golf course aren't obstructed.
84. There is nothing in the by-laws that mentions anything about the maintenance of the property on the outside of the fencing. Who maintains the mowing and trim work of grass on the outside?
85. Fences should follow the directive, be approved by the board to make sure it follows the directive, and approved by neighbors if it follows the directive.

86. NO FENCES. If you must succumb to this dumb idea, either move where fences are allowed, or ban fences for properties that face the golfcourse.
87. I really think fences that are decorative in nature could and should also be approved on the golf course side. If we're judicious about the type of fence we allow, they won't distract from our views. However, they will provide peace of mind to families with young children and those with pets.
88. We moved to Ironwood over 20 years ago, the primary reason for selecting Ironwood was for the openness and no fences. Those moving into Ironwood should of known the restrictions prior to purchasing a home here. Now a minority of home owners wants to change the requirements for fences. All approved fences should be black wrought iron, no exceptions and all will be uniform.
89. What if your neighbors will not approve your fence , whats the step as the property owner?
90. We are on the golf course so we would be excluded.
91. I do not like fences and would prefer that they were not allowed at all.
92. We moved to Ironwood specifically because there were limits on fences. We enjoy the openness and the intent of the original developer. Those seeking fences for 'safety' are mislead. Fences do not provide 'safety'. Only parental supervision will ensure that a child or pet is safe.
93. Many houses bound the golf course property. This means that they are not able to erect fences according to the bylaws. However there is no exception listed above for those that have a pool and back up to golf course property. This should be added so that they can build their fence.
94. We live on the golf course and can't have one, but if I could build one that touched the sky on one side of my property I would do so. I also think hedges and natural fences would be nice
95. I feel we should not have neighbor approval. I also feel we should have a few pre specified approved fence choices to pick from. No more wood . I personally have wrought iron looks good but does have to be painted and was very expensive don't recommend. I like the nicer alluminum fences but need a good weighted one. I don't have any problems with everyone being allowed a 4 ft fence see thru . I do not think above ground pools should be allowed like the 2 we have now in subdivision. Those I believe hurt the property values. A small removable baby pool is fine . If neighbors want a pool put in a in ground pool and landscape it nicely. We all know the 2 with the above ground that don't add to property. We don't need more. Fences and pools should be 2 separate issues. I have lived

here since 1991 and feel the fence issue could be so easily solved. Just pick a high end aluminum fence that looks nice. If people want it that is the option they can pay for it. Should not be upto neighbors next door.

96. The bylaws clearly allow for fences. We believe the board's stance on this issue has been out of line for the 20 years we've lived here.
97. These are terrible questions. You should be asking what rules are to be in the covenants.
98. On what legitimate basis could a fence request that meets all requirements be denied? I am not allowed to have a fence as it would be unsightly along the course, yet what is the IHOA doing to push the town to address the weed and cattail choked drainage ditch that is the unsightly view from my yard?
99. Question 1 and 2 with the word ALL is there to discourage people to say yes. There is always exceptions and ALL is terrible word for survey.
100. My concerns are with the guidelines. Why is a neighbor's approval needed? No other construction on my property asks for neighbor's approval such as decks, swing sets, etc. Also, why are homeowners on the golf course being discriminated against? All homeowners should be able to have a fence whether you have a pool or not. I don't believe a well structured fence reduces value. Fox Creek has fences on their golf course. If you are concerned about the aesthetics and look around the golf course, do something about the thistles and weeds growing in the prairie grass. The unkept prairie grass greatly takes away the beauty of the course.
101. #3 would ideally be 'maybe', depending on the style. That said, here on the 8th green we have tall ditch vegetation that blocks the view of our backyards, especially when fully leafed. For us around 703 Ironwood CC drive I don't think fences would make much difference when it comes to the beauty of the homes as viewed from the golf course.
102. Glad to see this survey!
103. The reason I purchased here was because of the openness of the subdivision. I do not like wooden fences at all. People in general do not keep them looking nice. If you drive down Northtown road toward the east, you will see multiple different fences - it looks terrible.
104. We had to fight for the fence we have 17 yrs. ago so that our daughter who has autism could safely be in our backyard to play. We had to provide a letter from the developer and override the board and their "no fence" policy. ADA grants our daughter, for whom daughter to for whom we are legal guardians. We are wanting to update our fence however we fear not being approved and a ridiculous legal fight. Also, I suggest you consider that if property values are the concern of the board how many prospective Ironwood buyers are impacted by the negative restrictions. Thanks for your consideration.

105. Having fences in the neighborhood doesn't bother us. I also think people on the golf course should have the option to put up a fence even if they don't have a pool.
106. Ali input data*Peg did not answer #3 - she said it would depend on the fence plans and material if she would provide approval.
107. We would like to see confirmation of property line before a fence is built.
108. One of the reasons we moved here was because of fence rules Great way to ruin neighborhood - start putting up 6 ft privacy fences!!.
109. I think the door is open to discrimination if some requests that meet all guidelines are not approved and others are.
110. We like it the way it is now.
111. If a homeowner needs a fence for a pet, pool, or safe place for children to play, it should be allowed. In the last week, I have seen over 5 coyotes running through the golf course and a fence adds a safer environment.
112. Two comments: 1) I disagree that approval is needed from the adjoining neighbor(s) and that lots facing the golf course are excluded; 2) I personally think there should only be one style and color of fence allowed, to provide for consistency and pleasing looks.
113. If it is known that fences will not be approved then the covenants should reflect that. It is misleading to potential homeowners when seemingly provided an option for a fence. Many HOAs provide specific fence design options to choose from that maintain the aesthetic desired for the neighborhood. This could be considered as a compromise to homeowners that are concerned about allowing fences.
114. We object to WOODEN fences. Even though the guidelines say that wooden fences must be maintained (painted, stained natural or sealed. A maintenance coat must be applied to the fence at least every three years), there's no way to enforce that once the fence is installed. We have no problem with wrought iron fences, but do not want any type of wooden fences erected.
115. The outline homes along the side of the apartments should be allowed higher, privacy fences. 4 feet is not high enough.