

A Guide to Mediation of Fence Disputes

Mediation provides:

- An opportunity for parties to work together to reach a mutual resolution outside of court while saving time and money.
- A private and confidential process with a professionally trained mediator who will promote problem solving between those involved.
- A 1 to 3-hour mediation session held at a neutral location near you.

Who should attend?

- The owners or managers of the properties and others involved in the fence dispute. Attorneys are not required though may attend the mediation. Let the mediation service know prior to your session if your attorney will be attending.

What to bring:

- Paperwork and photos that describe the problem or help clarify your points.

How to arrange and prepare for mediation:

- Contact the Nebraska Negotiations Program or an ODR-approved Mediation Center serving your county. Contact information for both is below.
- If you have an attorney, talk with them to prepare for the mediation process.

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The Negotiations Program is administered by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and is available to farmers and ranchers involved in disputes regarding agricultural credit, farm transition, lease agreements, fence and neighbor disputes, and USDA adverse decisions. Cost is \$20 per person per hour (waiver available). The Negotiations Program also provides free clinics and workshops at various sites. Professionals provide one-on-one education and resources on mediation, farm finances, and legal matters. For dates and locations, visit <https://negotiations.nebraska.gov/> or scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera. Pre-register by calling the Rural Response Hotline at 800.464.0258.



Scan to visit NE Ag
Negotiation Program
website.



Nebraska ODR-Approved Mediation Centers

In 1991, the Dispute Resolution Act created the Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) in the Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation, and a system to approve regional non-profit mediation centers as the service providers. These centers provide mediation for a variety of conflicts, including family, farm, workplace, neighbor, business, as well as fence disputes. Costs are shared by both sides and a sliding fee scale is available.

For more information on the process, cost, or to request mediation, please contact the mediation center serving your county. A listing of approved centers and their contact information is available online at <https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/programs-services/mediation-restorative-justice/odr-approved-mediation-centers>. The roster can be accessed by scanning the QR code with your smartphone's camera.



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