

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND
BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Jobsite Address _____ Zip: _____

Property Owner Name _____ Owner Phone # _____

Job Specifications and Details (Directional location: Front lot line, Side lot line, North property line. How many feet of fence?):

Estimated Cost of Job: \$ _____

Zoning Variance? NO YES Case # _____ Hearing Date _____

Cited for work without building permit? NO YES Violation# _____

APPLICANT/OWNER

Applicant must supply a detailed plot plan, photo of the style of fence, and a copy of a certified survey.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Application Date: _____

Print name of applicant: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Permit Fee \$ _____ + Review Fee \$ _____ + Fines \$ _____ + Registration Fees \$ _____ =

Subtotal Bldg Fees \$ _____ + Permit Deposit \$ _____ = Grand Total: \$ _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date Reviewed: _____ Permit # _____

ZONING STAMP OF APPROVAL: DATE: _____

Reference: Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25, Article 8, Section 8.09

Sec. 8.09. - Fences and screening structures.

A. *Residential districts.*

1. No fence or other screening structure shall exceed six (6) feet in height in a side or rear yard.
2. In required front yards, only decorative fences, forty-eight (48) inches or shorter, shall be permitted.
3. On lakefront lots, fences and other screening structures which are located between the main building and the ordinary high water mark shall be open air type with no more than twenty percent (20%) opacity, and shall have a ten (10) foot setback from the ordinary high water mark.
4. Fences or other screening structures shall consist of materials commonly used in conventional construction, including, but not limited to wood, metal, vinyl, masonry brick or natural stone. If one side of the fence or other screening structure has a more finished appearance than the other, then the side with the more finished appearance shall face the exterior of the parcel.
5. Fences or other screening structures shall be maintained in good condition. Rotten or broken components shall be replaced, repaired, or removed.
6. Barbed wire or other similar fences shall not be permitted.
7. Above-ground single-strand or braided-wire fences, whether charged with low-voltage electricity or non-charged, are permitted for the enclosure of livestock only.
 - a. If the livestock is removed, any electric fencing must be disabled or removed.
 - b. All-single-strand or braided wire fences must provide for enhanced visibility by one of the following means:
 1. Minimum 3-inch solid top rail
 2. Brightly colored ribbon installed alongside the wire
 3. Reflectors or florescent tape affixed along the wire at a minimum spacing of 8 feet.
8. Invisible fences for all animals are permitted.
10. Wire panel fences or rolled wire grid may be installed wherever fencing is typically allowed, with the exception of required front yards.

B. *Non-residential districts.*

1. Fences shall be permitted in the rear or side yard of non-residential districts and shall not extend in front of the principal building.
2. Height shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.
3. Fences or other screening structures shall consist of materials commonly used in conventional construction, including, but not limited to wood, metal, vinyl, masonry brick or natural stone. If, because of the design or construction, one side of the fence or other screening structure has a more finished appearance than the other, the side of the fence or other screening structure with the more finished appearance shall face the exterior of the lot.

Examples of Residential Decorative Fences

4ft →



← 4ft



← 4ft+



6ft at the highest point from grade



6ft privacy fence



4ft Decorative fence



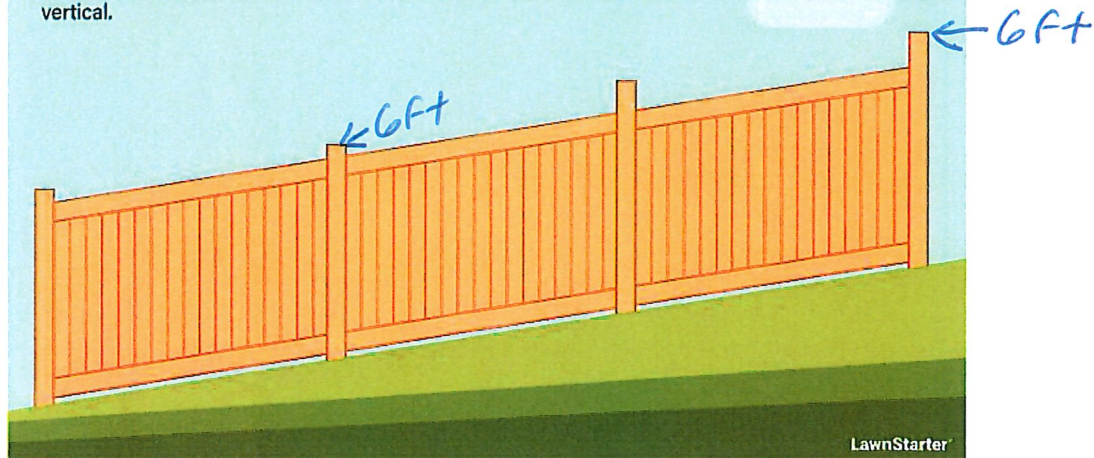
4ft Decorative fence

Examples of Residential Privacy Fences



Racked Fence

A racked fence follows the contour of the land and does not leave any gaps. The rails are parallel to the ground's slope and follow the slope of the yard, while the fence's posts and pickets remain vertical.



Stepped Fence

A stepped fence goes down a hill in a series of steps, with every section of the fence accommodating the slope. Each section is higher or lower than the section adjoining it so that the fence resembles a staircase.

