



Building a Fence

Building a fence can be common in various areas of the Township. Regulations for them are relatively straightforward where the basic standards of Zoning Ordinance Section 27-302.4 are met. Note that ornamental fence treatments that are located in the front yard and extend less than one-half the width and/or depth of the front yard are exempt.

◇ Zoning Permit Required

A zoning permit is required to build a fence, although the fee is only \$15 for \$5,000 of fence. When applying for the permit, a site plan is needed but may be hand drawn.

◇ Fence Height

Fences built in the T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, & T-5 Districts may be 3' or lower in the front yard, and 6' or lower in any other yard. Exceptions to these rules include:

- Livestock fencing (see Zoning Section 27-419),
- Permitted junkyards (see Zoning Section 27-441),
- Retaining walls of buildings,
- Other nonresidential uses, or
- Fences built in the D-1, D-2, or D-3 Districts; which may be 10' or lower as long as they do not block motorists' view of vehicles exiting or entering the property. A landscaped buffer yard between the fence and a street or residential use/district is also required.

◇ Location

Although building setbacks do not apply to fences, they are not allowed in stormwater easements or septic drainfield areas. These features must be shown on the site plan accompanying the permit application.

Please note that this is intended to be general guidance and not an exhaustive list of requirements or permitting procedures.