



FERNDALE

FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE RECEIVED: _____ PERMIT #: _____

DATE ISSUED: _____

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

CONTRACTOR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____

YES/NO: IS THE FENCE ADJACENT TO A NEIGHBORING PROPERTY LINE? _____

FEE AMOUNT: \$50.00

FENCE DESCRIPTION:

Please provide a site plan that shows fence location and note if a pool is present.

PERMIT GRANTED: _____ DATE: _____

FENCE REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Fences are required to be installed on your own property (City does not establish property lines).
- Fences for a swimming pool are required to meet the current Michigan Residential Code.
- Fences other than single family residential require Planning Department approval.
- Decorative fences with a minimum of 50% opacity are allowed in the front yard.
- Maximum height of a fence is 6 feet tall.
- No fence can be installed side by side by another existing fence, unless this requirement is waived by the CED Director for good cause.

Section 3.09 Fences

- A. **Permit.** Installation of a fence or gate on any lot requires a Fence Permit.
- B. **Location.**
1. All fences must be constructed within the property's lot lines, unless written consent from adjoining property owners is secured. No fence can be installed side by side to an existing fence, unless this requirement is waived by the CED Director for good cause.
 2. Fences must be setback at least 1-foot from a public sidewalk or right-of-way. Fence gates cannot swing over public property.
- C. **Fence Materials.**
1. Fences must be constructed of materials designed for a decorative effect such as vinyl, split-rail, wood, wrought iron, aluminum metal, and extruded plastic. Powder-coated chain link is encouraged if chain link fencing is proposed.
 2. Wood fences must be constructed of cedar, redwood, or other decay-resistant and treated wood.
 3. Razor edge or barbed wire fences, spikes, nails or any other sharp point or instrument of any kind on top or on the sides of any fence, or electrical current or charge of any fence, is prohibited.
 4. No fabric, plastic slats, tarps or other similar items shall be hung from a fence.
- D. **Height and Opacity.**
- | | Residential Districts | | Mixed Use Districts | Central Business District | Industrial Districts | All Districts |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Min. Height | Max. Height | Max. Height | Max. Height | Max. Height | Max. Opacity |
| Front Yard | Not Permitted* | Not Permitted* | Not Permitted* | Not Permitted | 6 ft. | 50% |
| Side Yard | 3 ft. | 6 ft. | 6 ft. | 4 ft. | 8 ft. | 100% |
| Rear Yard | 3 ft. | 6 ft. | 6 ft. | Not Permitted | 8 ft. | 100% |
- *Decorative fencing, up to 36-inches in height, is permitted in any yard without a Fence Permit. A decorative fence is a fence designed in such a manner, and of such material, that the main purpose is to decorate or enhance the appearance of the yard, typically in a residential area.
- E. **Finished Fence Side.** The finished side of any fence must face the exterior of the lot it is built on.
- F. **Clear Vision Zone.** *Section 3.06: Clear Vision Area* must be met.

ADOPTED – DECEMBER 16, 2024

Clear Vision Area

