

FENCING, SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE

The placement of fences, screening, and landscaping shall be subject to the following requirements, except for agricultural fences. Specific requirements shall be subject to the recommendations of the zoning administrator and approval of the board of supervisors.

- a. No fence shall be permitted on public rights-of-way.
- b. No fence, screen, or structure which obstructs the view shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of the corner formed by the intersection of street or railroad rights-of-way as measured from the intersecting property lines.
- c. That side of the fence considered to be the face, opposite the side with the fence posts, shall face the abutting public or private property.
- d. All fences shall be constructed of material such that the appearance is not deemed detrimental to the property values of the area by the zoning administrator and/or the board of supervisors. A fence constructed, or having the appearance, of masonry, wood, or steel must be compatible with surrounding structures. No snow fencing, construction security fencing, or silt fencing shall be allowed, except during construction and winter conditions.
- e. No fence shall exceed four (4) feet in height in the front yard or eight (8) feet in height in the side and rear yards as measured from the average point between the highest and lowest grades.
- f. Notwithstanding paragraphs "d" and "e" above, open chain link, wire, and similar fences may be constructed and may exceed eight (8) feet in height for animal control or protection of vegetation [e.g. gardens]; such enclosures do not require a fence permit.
- g. In the case of a non-residential use abutting a residential use, the township board may require screening above six (6) feet in height.
- h. Any nonconforming fence which is destroyed or in disrepair, requiring more than fifty (50) percent of its replacement cost to repair, shall be removed and only be rebuilt if in compliance with the standards set forth in this section.
- i. Any fence, wall or similar barrier which is not properly maintained so as to create an eyesore or nuisance shall be removed by owner upon action of the town board at the owner's expense.
- j. If a green belt planting strip is used in lieu of a fence, it shall consist of living vegetative cover of sufficient width and density to provide an effective screen year around.

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