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FENCE APPLICATION

Job Address _____ Tax Code _____

Property Owner _____ Phone _____

Address (if different) _____

Applicant/Contractor (Include License #) _____

Address _____

DESCRIBE WORK: A sketch/drawing showing the property lines and the location of any buildings on the property on which the fence is to be constructed shall be submitted to the DBS prior to the onset of any construction activity. The location of the proposed fence shall be shown on this sketch/drawing along with any pertinent dimensions. Further, this form shall also provide information about the type of fence to be constructed, including height. Use reverse side.

A copy of the fence ordinance is provided to each applicant and this form shall be signed by said applicant indicating that they have been provided with a copy of the ordinance and that they have read and agree to abide by the ordinance.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NOTES TO PROPERTY OWNER OR FENCE BUILDER

- BEFORE JOB IS STARTED, CALL MISS DIG AT 1-800-482-7171
- Check for easements on property.
- Finish side of fence to the outside, or neighboring property.
- Boundary, property or survey lines must be properly determined prior to the placement of a line fence. The municipality assumes no responsibility in determining property lines. A survey may be required prior to fence installation.
- The property owner is to notify the Department of Building Safety before actual fence is erected.
- Final Inspection is required.
- Agricultural/Open space district (AG) is exempt from this permit requirement.

Approved by _____ Date _____

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

Sec. 36-4. Definitions (Excerpt).

Fence means a structure which is constructed vertically to the terrain, and consists of spaced vertical support posts to which have been affixed horizontal stability members and/or vertical fence materials which span the openings between the vertical support members. The following shall be the fence location and height regulations:

- (1) *Generally.* Fences shall be a maximum of six feet; trellis six-foot maximum from existing grade level.
- (2) *Location.* The following shall be the height requirements for specific locations:
 - a. *Side or rear yard.* Fences on all lots of record in all residential districts, which are within a side or rear yard shall not exceed six feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground.
Suggestion. Fences requiring periodic maintenance should be set within property lines a minimum of two feet to allow for maintenance without trespass.
 - b. *Front yard.* Front yard fences shall be open fences not to exceed four feet in height. A six foot fence shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the house or the required minimum front yard, whichever is greater. On a corner lot, no fence or hedge greater than four feet enclosing a side yard shall be erected within ten feet of an established road right-of-way. Except as herein provided, fences may be located adjacent to a lot line, but shall be constructed and located entirely on the owner's property.

ARTICLE XIII. SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS AND/OR EXCEPTIONS

Section 36-382. Visibility at intersecting streets in residential districts.

On a corner lot in any residential district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede vision between a height of 2¹/₂ feet and ten feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along said street lines 50 feet from the point of intersection.

Section 36-383. Fences, walls and hedges.

- (a) In any required front yard, no fence or wall shall be permitted which materially impedes vision across such yard, and no hedge or other vegetation shall be permitted which materially impedes vision across such required front yard.
- (b) Fences on all lots of record in all residential districts which are within a required side or rear yard shall not exceed six feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the

house or the required minimum front yard, whichever is greater. Fences on lots of record shall not contain barbed wire, electric current or charge of electricity.

- (c) A fence shall be stable and properly supported. All fences shall be constructed with any and all supporting structures or devices on the inside of the fence (Finished side out.). No vertical support members shall exceed the fence height by more than four inches.
- (d) Fences on lots of record shall not contain barbed wire, or sharp pointed cresting, or other things dangerous and likely to snag, tear, cut or otherwise injure any person. No person shall erect an electrified fence.
- (e) Any fence constructed or erected, or hedge planted or allowed to grow in the village shall be maintained in a safe and acceptable manner, conforming to the height requirements of the district in which it is located.
- (f) All swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence of a type not readily climbed by children and at least four feet in height, with a gate that is self-closing and self-latching, and securely locked when the swimming pool is unattended or uncovered.
- (g) Fences or hedges that are adjacent to a residential district or residential use shall not exceed six feet in height. The following additional requirements shall apply:
 - (1) Commercial. Fences in commercial districts shall be subject to the same restrictions as fences located in residential districts.
 - (2) Industrial. All fences erected in industrial districts shall not be less than six feet in height. Residential use parcels in an industrial district must comply with residential fence requirements.
 - (3) Permit required.
- (h) The erection of any fence or hedge or other type of barrier shall first be approved by the building inspector and shall require a fence permit. No fence or other type of barrier as described herein shall be erected without a permit first being issued pursuant to this article. The issuance of a fence permit under this article shall not be considered as evidence of title or ownership of land by the applicant.

VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

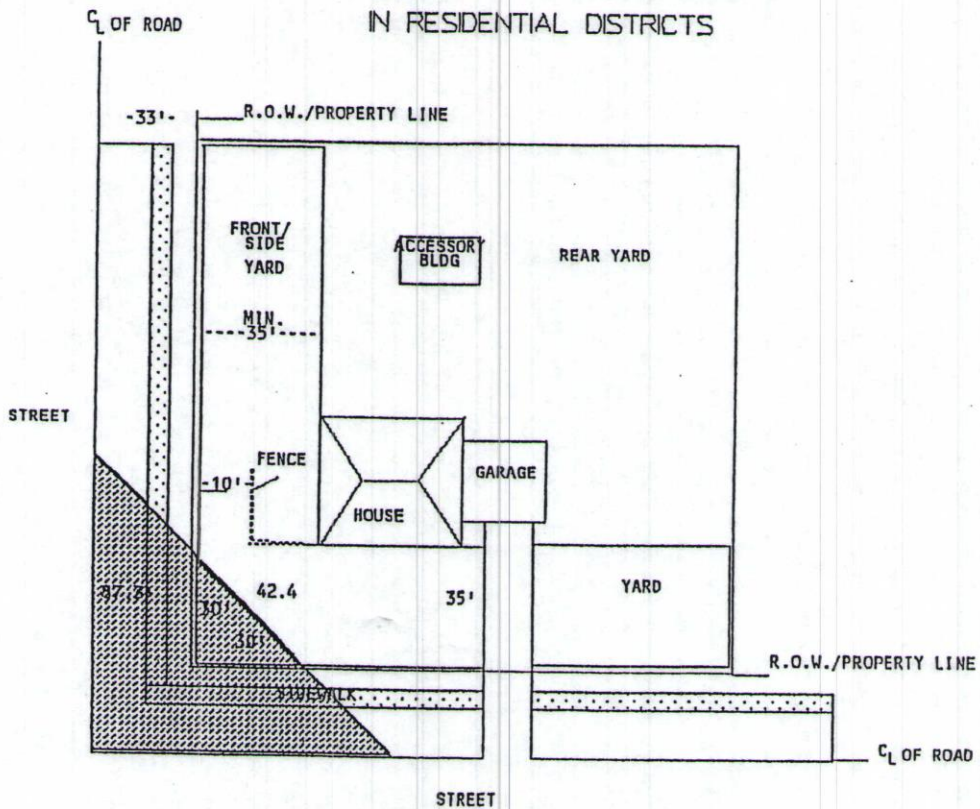


Diagram #1.