

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION
24821 FRONT AVE
MATTAWAN, MI 49071

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT
ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

LOCATION AND/OR ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

EXISTING ZONING: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Attach additional sheet(s), if necessary

OWNER: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PETITIONER: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

IF PETITIONER IS NOT OWNER, STATE THE BASIS FOR REPRESENTATIVE:

NOTES:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant/property owner to identify the property line(s) and assume responsibility for the accuracy of that identification.
2. The finished sides of any fence shall face the neighboring property, not the applicant's.
3. See all fence regulations listed on the back of this form.

THE UNDERSIGNED DEPOSES THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND ANSWERS AND ACCOMPANIED INFORMATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

DATE RECEIVED: ___/___/_____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/OWNER: _____

Section 3.12 Fences.

1. Residential Fences (excluding the Agricultural District). Residential fences are permitted or required, subject to the following:

- a. Fences on all lots of record in all residential districts, which enclose property and/or are within a side or rear yard, shall not exceed six (6') feet in height. This distance shall be measured from the average grade to the highest point of the fence. No fence, wall, or hedge shall rise over three (3') feet in height in front of the house or in the required minimum front yard, whichever is greater; the measuring technique employed shall be the same as stated above. In addition, no fence, wall, or hedge shall be located within a public right-of-way, occupy a clear vision zone established by Section 3.05, or interfere with visibility from a driveway. The Zoning Administrator is hereby empowered to cause all such obstructions to be removed in the interest of public safety.
- b. No obscuring fence or wall shall be located within the front yard. Decorative fencing which does not materially impede vision shall be permitted in a front yard provided it does not exceed a height of three (3') feet. Non-obscuring decorative fencing does not include chain-link fencing.
- c. Fences shall consist of at least one side that is of "finished" quality. The term "finished" refers to the covering of raw material so as to protect it from the natural elements; this includes but is not limited to the painting of metal, and the painting or staining of wood. The finished side of the fence shall face away from the property that is being fenced.
- d. Fences not used for farm operations shall not contain barbed wire, electric current, or charge of electricity.
- e. All fences shall comply with the requirements of the Building Code.
- f. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to take precedence over private deed restrictions where more restrictive than the above described regulations.

2. Nonresidential Fences

- a. Fences located in other than residential districts or on the boundary between such districts shall not exceed eight (8') feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground.
- b. Fences, which enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or public landscaped areas, situated within an area developed with recorded lots, shall not obstruct vision to an extent greater than twenty-five (25) percent of their total area.
- c. No fence, wall, or hedge shall be located within a public right-of-way, occupy a clear vision zone established by Section 3.05, or interfere with visibility from a driveway. The Zoning Administrator is hereby empowered to cause all such obstructions to be removed in the interest of public safety.
- d. Fences located within twenty-five (25') feet of an intersection shall not exceed thirty (30") inches in height.
- e. Fences shall not contain barbed wire, electric current, or charge of electricity. In the case where the security of industrial and commercial property is concerned, the Planning Commission may approve a fence eight (8') feet in height with barbed wire attached to the top of such fence as part of the site plan review process.