

**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:

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EXISTING ZONING: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PETITIONER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance Section 5.4 C

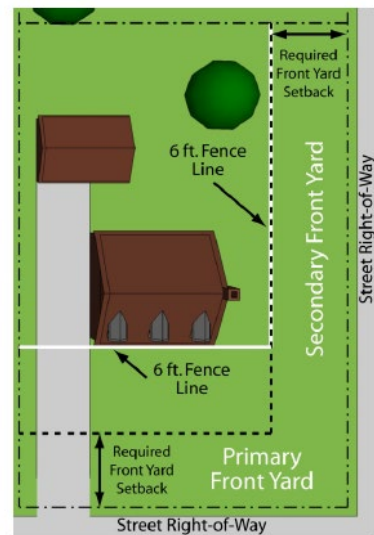
### C. Fences.

#### 1. Agricultural fences.

- a. No agricultural fence shall exceed eight feet in height. An agricultural fence shall be allowed in the front yard of a lot that is used for agricultural purposes, provided that it is of an open design that is not more than 40 percent opaque.
- b. An agricultural fence that encloses a lot used strictly for agricultural purposes may contain barbed wire or electrified fencing.
- c. That portion of an agricultural property that contains the farm residence shall be subject to the front yard fence requirements for residential districts for the width of the house plus the width of the required side yard setbacks.
- d. No agricultural fence shall exceed eight feet in height. An agricultural fence shall be allowed in the front yard of a lot that is used for agricultural purposes, provided that it is of an open design that is not more than 40 percent opaque.
- e. An agricultural fence that encloses a lot used strictly for agricultural purposes may contain barbed wire or electrified fencing.
- f. That portion of an agricultural property that contains the farm residence shall be subject to the front yard fence requirements for residential districts for the width of the house plus the width of the required side yard setbacks.

#### 2. Residential fences (excluding agricultural properties). Residential fences are subject to the following:

- a. Fences on lots of record in residential districts within a side or rear yard shall not exceed six feet in height.
- b. No fence, wall, or hedge shall rise over four feet in height in the front yard. In addition, no fence, wall, or hedge shall be located within a public right-of-way, occupy a clear vision zone established by Section 3.12, or interfere with visibility from a driveway. On a corner lot in a residential district, a fence up to six (6) feet in height may be allowed upon or behind the required front yard setback within a secondary front yard only. The secondary front yard shall be a front yard other than the yard upon which the house faces. The Zoning Administrator shall determine which yard is the secondary front yard for the purposes of this section. [Amended 4/10/18]
- c. Fences shall consist of at least one side that is of "finished" quality. The finished side of the fence shall face away from the property that is being fenced. All fences shall be erected with fence posts and supports on the interior side.
- d. Walls and fences, including gates, shall be constructed of new, durable, weather-resistant, rustproof, and easily maintainable



**Figure 5-1: Corner Lot Fence Height Requirements**

materials customarily used in the construction of walls and fences, provided, however, this provision shall not preclude the use of decorative architectural materials when consistent with the intent of this section, the character of the area in which the fence is to be placed, and as approved by the Township. Material shall be subject to review and approval by the Township during fence permit review.

- e. Fences not used for farm operations shall not contain barbed wire or other sharpened materials or electrified fencing.
- f. All fences shall comply with the requirements of the Building Code.

[Amended 12/19/16]