



FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

City of Hopewell

Division of Code Enforcement

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A Fence Permit is required by the City of Hopewell to insure proper zoning requirements. Submission of this application must include a detailed and accurate site plan showing where the fence will be located and what it's relationship is to all other structures on the property and property lines bordering that property. This permit application will be processed through the Department of Development and the Division of Code Enforcement.

Project Description: _____

Address of Work: _____

(Location) _____

Class of Work (check one): New _____ Alteration _____

Building Use (check one): Residential _____ Commercial _____

Industrial _____ Other _____

Owner Information:

Name: _____

Daytime Phone:() - _____ **Cell:**() - _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Contact Person: _____

Contractor Information:

Contractor: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

State License: _____ **Expires:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

City License: _____

Business Phone:() - _____ **Cell:**() - _____

Contact Person: _____

Please read and initial the following:

- ❖ _____ The applicant is responsible for verifying property lines and easements and obtaining written permission from the easement owner prior to construction. Any fence or structure constructed within an existing easement may be subject to removal and/or damage due to maintenance of the easement. The City and/or its representative is not responsible for any damage or replacement due to maintenance of the easement.
- ❖ _____ No fence or fence gate shall swing into or obstruct the public right of way.
- ❖ _____ A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. (2018 Fire Prevention Code, 507.5.5 Clear Space)
- ❖ _____ Call 811 before you dig. All private utility lines should be marked by the owner before fence is installed.

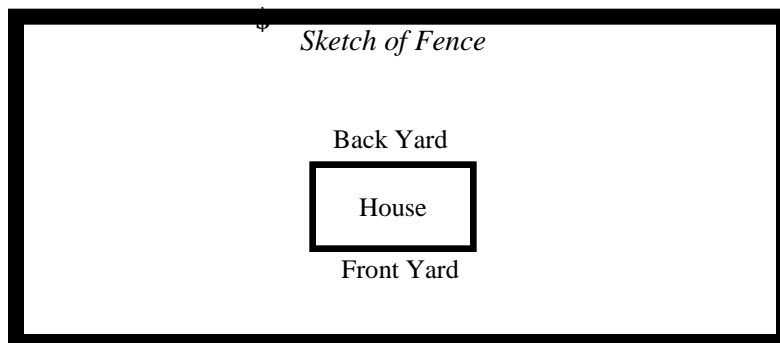
Fence Height: _____

Type of Fence: _____

Corner Lot (check one): Yes _____

No _____

Estimate Cost (Labor & Materials): _____



It is understood that this is an application for a Fence Permit and that work MAY NOT BEGIN until the official permit has been issued.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Official Use Only

Permit # _____ Permit Fees \$ _____

Sub/Parcel # _____ Lot / Block: _____

Subdivision: _____

Check # _____ Cash _____ CC _____

Zoning _____ Enterprise Zone:
YES NO
(Circle)

Ward _____

Application # _____

Building Official Approval: _____ Date: _____

Zoning Official Approval: _____ Date: _____

ARTICLE XVIII. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The requirements set forth in this article shall apply to all real estate development within the city. In addition to these standards, additional standards shall apply to residential, office, business, and industrial developments, as well as signs, and access and internal circulation and other aspects of development as provided in this article and elsewhere in the zoning ordinance.

A. General provisions—Citywide.

7. Fencing.

a. Fence permits.

- (1) A fence permit shall be required before a fence is erected, relocated or repaired, if said repair involves ten (10) percent or more of the length of the fence. Fence permits may be acquired by the property owner, tenant, or the contractor erecting or repairing the fence with an acknowledgement from the owner. All fences installed subsequent to the enactment of this subsection 7. shall comply with the requirements of this ordinance; if a fence does not so comply, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to bring the fence into compliance.
- (2) There shall be a fee for a fence permit. Each application for such permit shall be accompanied by plans or drawings clearly showing the size, type of materials to be used and the exact location of the proposed fence. Plans and drawings may be made by the applicant unless the director of development determines that the safe construction of the fence will require engineering drawings.
- (3) All fences existing on the date of this ordinance, including fences not in compliance, are exempt from this subsection 7. However, any subsequent modification or repair of a fence previously complying or exempt as a non-complying pre-existing use, that either expands the area enclosed, or involves more than ten (10) percent of the length of the fence, shall require a fence permit.

b. Permitted fences.

- (1) *Residential zoning districts.* Fences up to seven (7) feet high shall be permitted along all property lines, subject to the necessary setbacks, for property zoned residential or residential-office or used for single-family residences, except:
 - i. No fence higher than four (4) feet shall be permitted in any front or corner side yard between the street line and the front or side building line of the subject property and any adjacent property; provided, however, that city council may grant a conditional use permit for a fence not to exceed seven (7) feet in height in these areas.
 - ii. No fence blocking or impeding the unobstructed view of vehicular traffic shall be permitted within twenty (20) feet of the point of intersection of two (2) public street rights-of-way; if at a later date streets are expanded and existing fences block or impede the unobstructed view of vehicular traffic, such fences shall be deemed to be a violation of the ordinance and shall be removed.
- (2) *Business zoning districts.*
 - i. Fences up to eight (8) feet in height shall be permitted along all property lines for property zoned business, except that no fence blocking or impeding the unobstructed view of

vehicular traffic shall be allowed within twenty (20) feet of the point of intersection of two public street rights-of-way; if at a later date streets are expanded and existing fences block or impede the unobstructed view of vehicular traffic, such fences shall be deemed to be a violation of the ordinance and shall be removed.

- ii. Fences erected in business zoning districts shall be constructed of materials compatible with those used to construct the main structure(s) on the property, unless otherwise permitted under this ordinance.

(3) *Industrial zoning districts.*

- i. Fences up to ten (10) feet in height shall be permitted along all property lines for property zoned industrial, except that no fence blocking or impeding the unobstructed view of vehicular traffic shall be permitted within twenty (20) feet of the point of intersection of two public street rights-of-way; if at a later date streets are expanded and existing fences block or impede the unobstructed view of vehicular traffic, such fences shall be deemed to be a violation of the ordinance and shall be removed.
- ii. Barbed wire strands not to exceed three (3) strands on top of complying fencing and within the height limits established in subsection 7.b.(3)i. above shall be allowed in industrial districts. Barbed wire is not permitted in any other district.

(4) *Prohibited fencing and fencing materials.* The following fencing and fencing materials are prohibited in all districts:

- i. Razor wire, except at public penal facilities;
- ii. Above-ground electrical fencing; and
- iii. Concertina wire.