



Fencing, Walls, and Hedges in Residential Zoning Districts

FACT SHEET

Effective July 21, 2017

Is a zoning permit required for a fence/wall?

Yes, a zoning permit is required for all fences and walls erected in Howland Township.

What are the restrictions on fences?

- ❖ Fences in the rear and side yards cannot exceed six (6) feet in height.
- ❖ Fences can be placed up to the property boundary.
- ❖ Fences in the front yard cannot exceed three (3) feet in height.
- ❖ Fences in the side yard of a corner lot cannot exceed three (3) feet in height.
- ❖ Fences on corner lots require careful planning not to impede traffic safety and may require additional consultation with zoning staff.
- ❖ The finished side of the fence must face your neighbor. The posts for the fence must be inside the fence facing the property to which a permit is assigned.
- ❖ Chain link fencing cannot be installed in the front yard.
- ❖ Barbed or razor wire and electrified fences are not permitted.

Where can I get a zoning permit application?

Visit www.howlandtownship.org, select the zoning tab, and then select Apply for a zoning Permit in the dropdown menu.

What information will I need to provide along with the permit application?

You will be required to submit a diagram or a site plan showing the fence's proposed location.

It is strongly recommended that a professional survey of your property boundary be done for any home improvement project requiring a zoning permit. In some circumstances, the zoning staff may require it. If you own the property, you may already have a mortgage survey in your possession.

What about planting hedges, shrubs, and trees?

Hedges, Shrubs, and Trees planted in the front yard must maintain clear visibility within ten (10) feet of the street right-of-way. Vegetation in this area must be maintained between three (3) feet and eight (8) feet, not materially to impede vision. No zoning permit is required.

What is the permit fee?

See the current fee schedule.

Contact information:

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Sample Site Plan

