

Fence Permit Information and Application Form

CITY OF DEARBORN . PERMIT SERVICES DIVISION

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Completed Application Form

Two (2) copies of a land survey or site plan (scaled 1/16''=1' or 1''=20' minimum) showing:

- . All property lines and easements
- . All existing buildings and structures
- . Any side door that exists on building
- . Location and dimensions of existing fence, if applicable
- . Location and dimensions of proposed fence

Photo copy of semi-private or private fence style, if applying for semi-private or private fence

Documentation of Property Owner Association and/or Historical District Review, if your property is located in one of the following districts:

Dearborn Hills Civic Association Springwells Park Civic Association West Lane Civic Association Ford Homes Historical District

PERMITTED FENCE STYLES & MATERIALS

- . Chain-Link/Cyclone (metal)
- . Picket (wood, vinyl, wrought-iron)
- . Semi-Private or Full Privacy (wood or vinyl)

Sharp projections on fences are prohibited. Picket fences are required to have blunt-end or ball-type finials, or an angle at the top of not less than 90 degrees, or a top rail.

PERMITTED FENCE HEIGHT

Residential Districts: 6' height maximum (6' allowed when property abuts commercial district)

Commercial Districts: 6' height maximum 8' height maximum

Decorative tops are allowed on an approved fence. Decorative tops may not exceed one foot in height, must have a solid top rail and a minimum 50% clear open view. Overall height may not exceed 6'

PERMITTED FENCE LOCATIONS

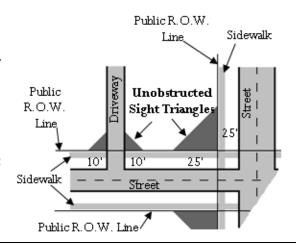
- . On property line, enclosing rear yard
- . On property line, extended to enclose side door
- . In certain cases, a line fence may be extended to enclose an acquired side yard
- . Fences shall be 12" from the public sidewalk

POSTS/FOOTINGS REGULATIONS

- . Minimum depth for fence post footings is $36^{\prime\prime}$
- . Minimum diameter of metal fence posts is 1-5/8 $\!\!^{\prime\prime}$
- . Minimum size of wood posts is 4x4 dimensional lumber or 4" diameter.

LINE OF SIGHT

Fences shall not obstruct a 10' clear line of sight at driveways nor a 25' clear line of sight at intersections, measured from the public right-of-way lines.



PRIVACY SCREENS

Privacy screens may be located in the interior of the rear yard, subject to the following:

- . There must be a minimum six feet clearance from the line fence, house, or any other structure.
- . Privacy screens shall not exceed six feet in height.
- . Privacy screens must be freestanding and self-supporting.
- . Only one privacy screen may be constructed along any common or adjoining property line.

SIGNATURE CONSENT OF ADJACENT OWNERS

Signatures are required from the property owner and property owner(s) of any adjacent property, agreeing to the location and style of the proposed fence. City Council approval is required if adjacent property is owned by the City of Dearborn.

UNCONSENTED/DISPUTED FENCE CASES

In the event that you are unable to contact the adjacent owners or they refuse to give their consent and a compromise between neighbors appears unreachable, city ordinance mandates the following:

- 1. Send a notice to your neighbor, along with a copy of your fence application and related documentation (site plan, contract, etc.) requesting their consent to your fence application. Documents must be sent to the property owner of record in the form of certified mail with return receipt and must indicate that a response is required within 15 days.
- 2. If your letter is returned undeliverable, or if your letter is delivered and you do not obtain consent within 15 days, or if you receive a negative response, you may re-submit your application with proof of certified attempt/receipt.
- 3. We will send an official notice to your neighbors requesting a response. The notice will indicate that a permit will be issued unless a valid reason for withholding the permit is given within 15 days.
- 4. If no response is received, or if a valid reason for withholding the permit is not received, then your permit will be issued, provided all other requirements are met.
- 5. If a valid reason is given to withhold the permit and a resolution cannot be obtained, an application to the Building Board of Appeals must be submitted for a determination. Building Board of Appeals application forms may be obtained online at cityofdearborn.org or at the Dearborn Administrative Center/Permit Division. The fee to apply to the Building Board of Appeals is \$300.

APPEALS and VARIANCES

When special conditions exist, the director may refer such conditions to the Building Board of Appeals, or the parties themselves may appeal to the Building Board of Appeals to determine what is fair and reasonable and to adjust any and all differences and disputes which may exist between the department and the parties involved, or between adjacent owners, in order that justice may be done and an equitable solution of the problem achieved. A separate application is required to apply to the Building Board of Appeals (\$300 fee).

OTHER INFORMATION

- . Swimming pools shall be enclosed with a fence at least 4' high with a self-latching, self-closing gate.
- . A Building Permit is required for retaining walls.

Exceptions to some regulations are allowed for certain situations. Visit cityofdearborn.org to view the fence ordinance.

FEES

Application Fee: \$35
Plan Review Fee: \$40
Permit Fee: \$50 **Total** \$125

Payment may be made by check (payable to City of Dearborn), credit card or cash. City of Dearborn Treasury charges a processing fee for credit card payments.

HOMEOWNER PERMITS

Homeowners are discouraged from obtaining permits on behalf of a contractor. Code and ordinance issues are enforced with the permit holder.

FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER

CITY OF DEARBORN . PERMIT SERVICES DIVISION

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Application No	
Date Submitted	
Processed by:	

			Date Submitted		
I. PROPERTY INFORM	IATION		Processed by:		
Property Address:					
Property is loc	☐ West Lane Civic ☐ Springwells Park	Association (document Civic Association (docu storical District (docume	mentation of review required) ation of review required) amentation of review required) entation of review required)		
II. DESCRIPTION OF F	PROPOSED WORK				
New Installation:	Fence Fence	and Gate Gate C	nly		
Repair Existing:	Fence Fence	and Gate Gate C	Only		
Is there an existing fence on site? No Yes (Only one fence may be installed along any common adjoining property line. Existing fences must be removed before a new fence is installed.)					
III. STYLE and MATER	IAL				
□Pic □Ser	nain-Link/Cyclone cket mi-Private (photo required) ivate (photo required)	Fence Material:	Metal Wood Vinyl		
IV. HEIGHT and LENG	IV. HEIGHT and LENGTH				
Fence Height:	Residential District 4' 5' 5' with 1' decorative top (6' total) 6'				
	Commercial District	□5' □6'			
	Industrial District				
	VALUE statistical purposes only. Permi		estruction value.		
Construction value. φ_{-}					
I hereby certify that I am the of to perform the work describe		bed and that I have given the mpanying documentation, wh	applicant herein named permission hich are part of this application. I		
NAME					
ADDRESS					
CITY	STATE	ZII	CODE		
TELEPHONE NO.		E-MAIL ADDRESS			

VII. ADJACENT PROPERT	Y INFORMATI	ON			
How many properties are adjacent t ☐One ☐Two ☐Thr		of this form for additional	signatures)		
Adjacent Property Address:					
I hereby certify that I am the owner of the which this application has been submitted		ped and that I agree to the l	location and style of the proposed fence for		
NAME					
TELEPHONE NO.		E-MAIL ADDRESS			
SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY	OWNER				
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VIII. APPLICANT INFORM					
part of this application. I affirm that	t the information provid 180 days after review. The	ded in this application is a	accompanying documentation, which are a accurate. Application and accompanying accurate an agreement to abide by		
NAME					
ADDRESS					
CITY	STATE		ZIP CODE		
TELEPHONE NO.		E-MAIL ADDRE	ESS		
Preferred Method of Communicat	tion: Mail]Phone			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICAN	Γ				
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Notary Public Signature:		_			
My commission expires					
Approved Comments:					
Plan Reviewer:			Date:		