

# Concord Township Zoning Department

## Informational Sheet #2: Fences

### 1) When Is A Zoning Permit Needed For A Fence?

- A zoning permit is needed for fences in all residential districts on lots less than 2 acres, except as otherwise noted below.
- Lots of 2 acres or more and/or enclosing agricultural uses do **not** require a fence permit.
- Fences may be required to enclose pools, regardless of lot size (see "Informational Sheet #3: Swimming Pools").
- Fences proposed in multi-family areas, commercial areas or for non-residential uses permitted in the Residential Districts are covered by separate requirements. Please contact the Zoning Office for details.

### 2) What Are The Allowable Types Of Fences?

- Fences can be split rail, basketweave, picket, board of batten, baffle, stockade, estate rail or solid wood, chain link, woven welded lawn, hinge-joint, stone, and brick masonry.
- Fences in residential districts **cannot** be constructed of barbed wire, concertina wire, guard rail, or be electrified.

### 3) What Are The Requirements For Fences?

- Fences in side or rear yards cannot exceed 8 feet in height.
- Fences in front yards, or side yards that adjoin public right(s)-of-way (corner lots), cannot exceed 4 feet in height.
- The smooth finished side of the fence shall face outward from the yard being fenced, and any horizontal, diagonal, or supporting members shall be on the interior side of the fence.
- Fences need to be maintained in good condition without any advertising, and should not obstruct visibility.
- Property located between the fence and any property lines shall also be regularly maintained.
- Small portions of fences, such as decorative fencing, that are not longer than 20 feet in length, but which comply with the height and maintenance requirements, shall not require a zoning permit.

### 4) What Is Needed To Complete A Zoning Permit Application For Fences?

- A diagram or site plan (drawn to scale) that shows the proposed location and height of the fence. Zoning Permits shall be completed at the Zoning Office.

### 5) What Is The Zoning Permit Fee For Fences?

- **\$30.00** for fences on residential property.

### 6) Are There Any Other Permits Needed?

- No. The Lake County Building Department does not require a "building permit" for fences.

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