

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 1 acre, except as otherwise noted below.
- Lots of 1 acre 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 fences proposed 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 rough and unfinished sides of a fence need to face the interior of the property of the fence owner.
- Fences need to be maintained in good condition and should not obstruct visibility.

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 of the fence.

5) What is the zoning permit fee for fences?

\$30.00 for all fence zoning permits

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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