

FENCE APPLICATION

City of Ecorse

3869 W Jefferson, Ecorse MI 48229

Phone: (313) 386-3636

Attach a site plan indicating where the fence will be placed

DATE: _____

PERMIT NO _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS _____

OWNER'S NAME/PHONE _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

COMPANY'S NAME/PHONE _____

COMPANY'S ADDRESS _____

TYPE OF FENCE _____

HEIGHT OF FENCE _____ COST OF FENCE _____

SIGNATURE _____

APPROVED _____

DATE _____

Sec 9.1 – Permit Required

No person shall erect or cause to be erected a fence of any nature, type or description within the city without a duly issued permit from the office of the building inspector. A written application shall be filed setting forth the type of fence to be erected, along with a diagram showing the location, and legal description of the premises on which the proposed fence is to be erected.

Sec 9.2 – Exemption for fences on public property

This chapter shall not apply to or regulate the construction of fences on public property.

Sec 9.3 – Setback

No fence or wall in residential areas shall extend toward the street beyond the established building line, nor shall any fence be erected in any residential area on a parallel to the front lot line, except that it shall be located on or behind the established building line. A fence or wall located on a side yard abutting a street right-of-way shall be located not less than thirty-three (33) feet behind the front lot line to provide adequate clearance for vehicular traffic.

Sec 9.4 – Proximity to sidewalk; corner lots

It shall be unlawful for any person being the owner, lessee, occupant, or agent for the same, of any property in the city, to erect, build or cause to be erected or built on any corner lot any fence or wall closer than one foot from the inside line of the sidewalk, with the exception that no permit shall be granted for such erection or construction of any fence or wall which could cause an construction of view for any driver of a vehicle entering the intersection of an abutting street as determined by the building inspector,; in conjunction with the city traffic engineer or his designee.

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Sections 15.010 RESIDENTIAL YARD FENCES

Fences or walls of not more than six (6) feet in height may be constructed in residential districts within a required rear or side yard, and not more than four (4) feet in height within a required front yard, eg., along the property line. No fence shall be closer to any right of way than the foundation of the main building. No fence shall be erected or re-erected in a front yard forward of the foundation of the main building, this includes all side yards, lots and corner lots. If the main building sits on a corner lot, the fence cannot exceed past the foundation of the side of the building facing the right away. A rear yard fence parallel to a right of way may be no more than four (4) feet in height. If the side of the lot is adjacent to an alley, then the fence can be erected up to four (4) feet of the alley. Fences may not exceed those height requirements without written approval of the Engineering Department.

Once a residential property has changed owners, the fences along the front property line must be removed or moved to a line even to the front of the dwelling or shall not extend forward past the front setbacks to include all side parcels or lots.

Section 15.012 BARBED WIRE FENCES

It shall be unlawful for any persons to permit or cause to be permitted the erection or maintenance of a barbed wire fence, partially or wholly around any area along any street, avenue, alley or public highway or public place; provided, however, this shall not prohibit use of barbed wire on fences enclosing commercial and industrial property when approved by the Engineering Department.

Section 15.015 BUSINESS, OFFICE, COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, CHURCHES OR OTHER WORSHIP CENTER FENCES

Once a business, office or commercial property, churches or other worship center changes owners, fences or walls of not more than six (6) feet in height may be constructed in B-1, B-2, B-3, O-1 or Frenchman's Cove district, with a required rear or side yard not to exceed past the front of the building and not more than three (3) feet in height. Front fences can only be constructed of rod iron, concrete, brick or stone. Rod Iron fences must be painted black and must be properly maintained. There can be no sharp edges or points protruding from the sides or top of fences or walls. If there is no existing fence in place then these guidelines must be used.

Section 14.009 UNOBSTRUCTED SIGHT DISTANCE

No fence, wall, structure, or planting shall be erected, established, or maintained on any lot that will obstruct the view of drivers in vehicles approaching an intersection of two (2) roads or the intersection of a road and driveway. Fences, walls, structures, or plantings located in the triangular area described below shall not be permitted to obstruct cross-visibility between a height of thirty (30) inches and six (6) feet above the lowest point of the intersecting road(s).

Trees shall be permitted in the triangular area provided that limbs and foliage are trimmed so that they do not extend into the cross-visibility are or otherwise create a traffic hazard. Landscaping, except required grass or ground cover shall not be located closer than three (3) feet from the edge of the driveway or road pavement within the triangular area.

The unobstructed triangular area is described as the area formed at the corner intersection of a public right of way and a driveway, the two (2) sides of the triangular area being ten (10) feet in length measured along the right of way line and edge of the driveway, and the third side being a line connecting these two (2) sides.