



Concord Township, *Lake County, Ohio*

Zoning Information Sheet #2: Fences - Residential

1) Is a zoning permit needed to construct a fence?

- A zoning permit is required for fences in all residential districts, except as otherwise noted below.
- 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, do not require a zoning permit.
- Fences proposed for commercial and non-residential uses 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 on 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 front yards shall not exceed four (4) feet in height.
- Fences located in the side or rear yards up to the front edge of the building shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet, except as otherwise indicated below.
- Fences located in side or rear yards abutting a controlled access highway shall not exceed eight (8) feet.
- 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.
- See Section 34 of the Concord Township Zoning Resolution for complete requirements.

4) What is needed to complete a Zoning Permit Application?

- A diagram or site plan (drawn to scale) that shows the proposed location and height of the fence.
- Please note that a survey isn't required, however, it is the responsibility of the applicant and/or property owner to verify the property lines.
- \$50 permit fee.
- Zoning permit applications are completed online or at the Zoning Office.

5) Are any other permits needed?

- No. The Lake County Building Department does not require permits for fences.

Zoning Department Contact Information

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