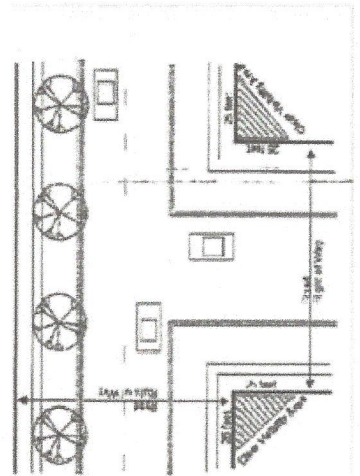


Fences

- ✓ A fence is defined as a barrier for the purpose of enclosing space or separating lots, composed of (1) masonry or concrete walls, excluding retaining walls; or (2) wood, metal, or concrete posts connected by solid wood or rigid vinyl boards, wrought iron rails, or chain links, or other materials with similar purpose, strength and durability approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- ✓ All fences require a zoning permit.
- ✓ Fences in front yards need to allow at least 50% visibility through the fence (wrought iron, chain link, picket, etc.)
- ✓ No fence over 6 feet in height is permitted in any residential district.
- ✓ No barbed wire fences are allowed within Spring Lake Township, unless used as part of a farming operation.
- ✓ Fences may be placed on the property line. It is your responsibility to know where your property lines are.

Corner Lots

- ✓ Fences or landscaping cannot block the clear vision areas at an intersection, 25 feet back from where a car sits on the road. This is required for public safety so drivers can see when they are making turns.



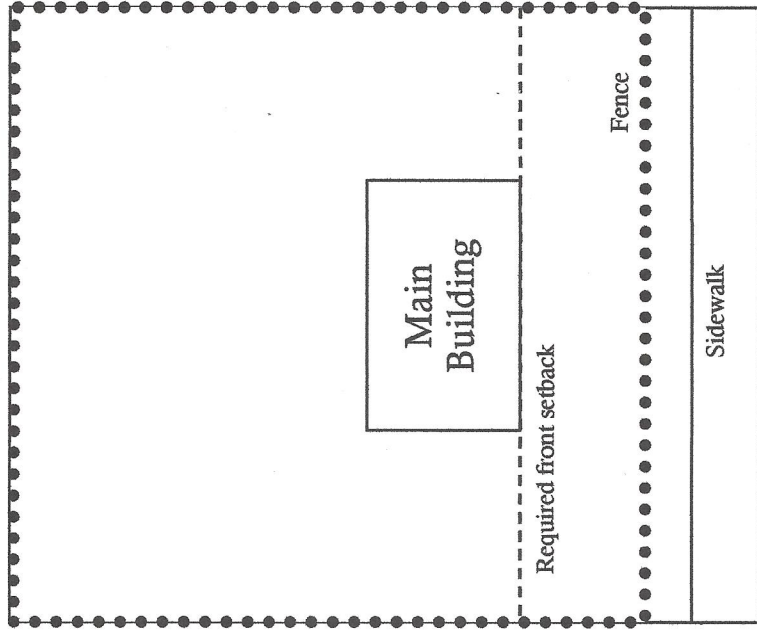
Residential Lots

In Side and Rear Yards:

Fences can be up to 6 feet. No barbed wire fences are permitted, unless part of a farming operation.

In Required Front Yard:

- ✓ Fencing needs to allow at least 50% visibility (wrought iron, chain link, picket, etc.) and can't be higher than 4 feet. Fences cannot be placed in the right-of-way.



Permitting Information

- ✓ Complete a Fence Permit Application and submit the application and fee to the Building and Planning Department at Township Hall.
- ✓ The zoning permit application requires a site plan. A printout from the Ottawa County property mapping system may be used as the basis of the drawing.

Refer to the definitions, Section 313 and 324 of the Zoning Ordinance for complete information. Because Zoning Ordinances are subject to amendments which can change standards and regulations, please speak with the Zoning Administrator to confirm zoning language.

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Questions? Contact the
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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

JOB ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

OWNER'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

OWNER'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CONTRACTOR'S NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____

CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS _____

CONTRACTOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DESCRIBE FENCE (Height, Type, Location) _____

REQUIREMENTS

- Site Plan Drawing** of the lot showing all buildings lot lines and the location of the street or streets and where the fence will be installed shall be submitted with this application. If fence is not being installed on the lot line, please show the distance the fence will be from the lot line. Site plans larger than 11" x 17" must **also** be submitted in a PDF electronic format.
- Permit** will be issued only after receipt of all required paperwork and after a proper plan review is completed by the Zoning official.
- Permit fee: \$25.00**

By signing below, applicant agrees to perform the described work in accordance with all applicable sections of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances.

SIGNATURE _____

- Contractor Owner Agent

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Office Use Only</i> | | |
| Permit #: _____ | Date Received: _____ | Fee: _____ |
| Date of Approval: _____ | Date of Denial: _____ | Approved by: _____ |

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FENCE REQUIREMENTS *(Section 324 of the Spring Lake Township Zoning Ordinance)*

Location and Height of Fences

1. No fence in excess of six (6) feet in height shall be erected, constructed, located or maintained in any R-1, R-2 R-3 or R-4 Zoning District.
2. Front Yard. Fences in a front yard shall be limited to 48 inches in height in any R-1, R-2 R-3 or R-4 Zoning District or in the front or Rear Yard of any Waterfront Lot in any R-1, R-2 R-3 or R-4 Zoning District. Any fence constructed in a Front Yard shall not be a solid barrier which completely obstructs view; rather, any such fence shall allow at least fifty (50) percent visibility through the fence itself.
3. No fence shall contain barbed wire unless the fence is used as part of a farming operation.
4. No fence, hedge or other landscaping shall be erected, constructed, located or maintained in any Zoning District which constitutes a traffic hazard because of obstruction of visibility or any other reason.

Maintenance

Fences shall be maintained to retain their original appearance, shape and configuration. Elements of a fence that are missing, damaged, destroyed or deteriorated shall be replaced and repaired to maintain conformity with the original fence appearance and design.

CLEAR VISIBILITY AT CORNERS *(Section 313 of the Spring Lake Township Zoning Ordinance)*

No Parking Space, berm, fence, hedge, planting, Sign, Structure, or any other element of the built environment, shall be located, erected or maintained, within a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the rights-of-way at two (2) Streets, two (2) Private Roads, a Street and a Private Road, a Street and a railroad track and a Private Road and a railroad track. However, the Zoning Administrator, upon consultation with the Township engineer or the relevant law enforcement agency or both, may require a greater clear vision area where necessary due to traffic speeds, traffic volumes or the topography of the site. This Section shall not apply to intersections involving a railroad track where there is an operative railroad crossing signal or gate.

