Fence Permit Application

101 East Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 ● 231 347-2500 ● 231 348-0350

Job Site Location

Address:

Owner/Applicant Information

Name:

Mailing Address:

City:	State:	ZIP Code:

Phone:

Email:

Required Information

A drawing is required and must contain the following (please check that information is provided; incomplete applications will be returned)

_____ All building dimensions and setbacks from property lines

_____ Location of proposed fence in relation to existing structures and property lines

_____ Fence material type: _____

_____ Fence height

Applicant Signature

If the applicant is not the property owner, the property owner must also sign below.

I do hereby certify that the work described and the figure provided are accurate as drawn and/or dimensioned. Fences may be installed on private property only, not within the public right-of-way. I further authorize City staff to enter upon the property for which this application is made for purposes of ensuring ordinance compliance.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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_____ Approved _____ Denied

Reason for denial: _____

Zoning Official: _____ Date: _____

FENCE REGULATIONS

Zoning Ordinance

Sec. 1712. Fences (Single and two-family residential).
Fences shall require a zoning compliance permit issued by the Zoning Administrator and shall comply with the following regulations and requirements:

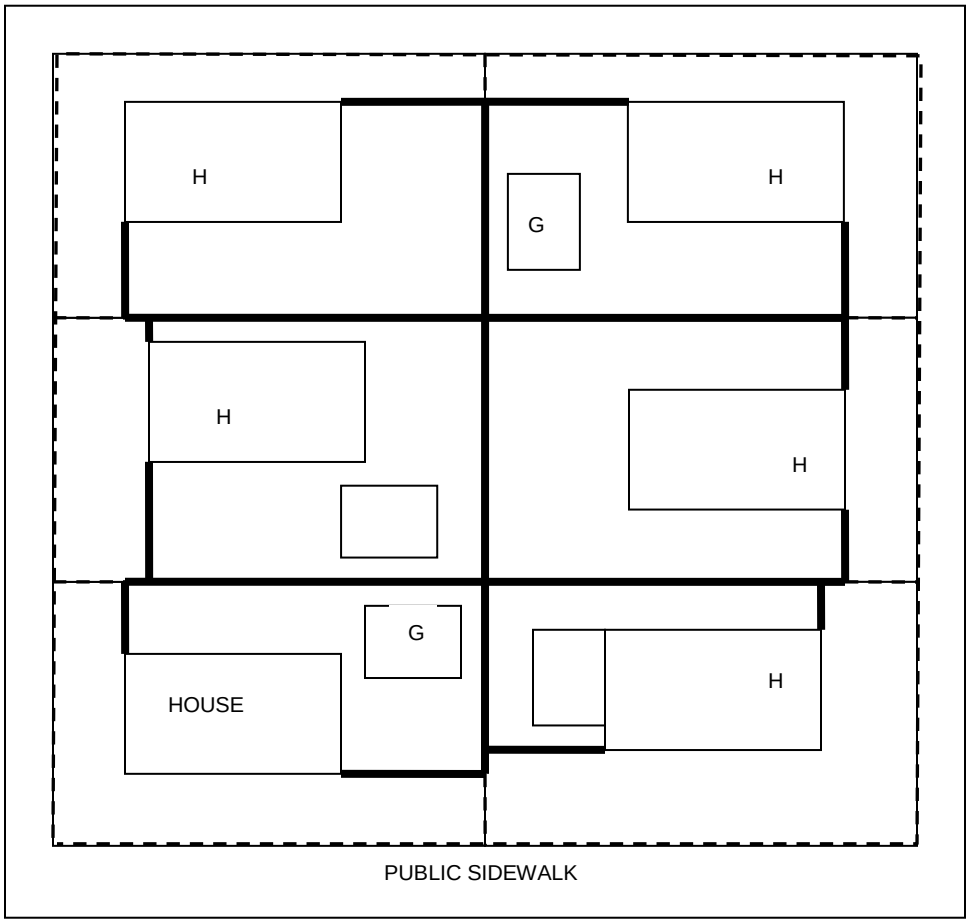
1. Definition
   a. Fence: An artificially constructed barrier erected to enclose, screen, or separate parcels or portions of parcels.

2. Location
   a. Front Yard. Fences are not allowed within a front yard or corner-front yard, also defined as the area in front of the primary structure or that fronts a public street. Continuous hedges with the same obscuring effect as a fence greater than 3 feet are not allowed in a front or corner-front yard (see Section 1712 Figure A).
   b. Fences shall be located so as to not obstruct the clear vision corner or corner clearance as defined in Section 1714 of this ordinance.
   c. Fences may be placed up to a lot line in side and rear yards, however, the finished side of the fence shall face the adjoining property or the public right-of-way.
   d. No fence shall be erected in such a way as to obstruct the vision of motorists exiting driveways.
   e. Any fence placed within the City right-of-way shall be removed at owner's expense.

3. Height, Design and Opacity
   a. Fences in a side or rear yard shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and shall not extend beyond the principal structure into the front yard (see Section 1712 Figure A).
   b. Fences that enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or public landscaped areas, situated within an area developed with recorded lots shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground.
   c. Fences of lots of record shall not contain barbed wire, electric current or charge of electricity; Electronic fences buried beneath the ground are not regulated by this Section.
   d. Fences may be placed on retaining walls, berms or similar features in the side or rear-yard with the fence height to be measured from the established grade.

(Ordinance No. 708, Approved 6-1-09)

SECTION 1712
FIGURE A



Fences and hedges over three (3) feet with the same obscuring effect are prohibited.

Maximum 6 Ft. Fence Allowed

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