



# Fence Permit Application

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



## Job Site Location

Address:

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## Owner/Applicant Information

Name:

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Mailing Address:

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City:

State:

ZIP Code:

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Phone:

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Email:

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## 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, the undersigned, hereby certify that the work described and the figure provided are accurate as drawn and/or dimensioned. I understand that fences may be installed on private property only, not within the public right-of-way and the fence must have the finished side facing the adjacent property or 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).

All fences shall require a zoning compliance permit issued by the Zoning Administrator and shall comply with the following regulations and requirements:

#### 1. Definition

- a. *Corner Clearance*: Any obstruction within the vision triangle that is more than two (2) feet higher than the street midpoint.
- b. *Corner-front yard*: the secondary street-fronting yard of a corner lot not included in the property address.
- c. *Fence*: A constructed barrier erected to enclose, screen, or separate parcels.
- d. *Fence, Decorative*: A fence, no more than 3 ½ feet (42 inches) in height measured from the established grade to the top of the highest fence post, no less than 50% open, and intended primarily as an ornament or accent on a parcel such as a picket, wrought iron, split rail or similar material. Chain link (with or without vinyl covering), wire mesh, wood stockade, and snow fencing shall not be considered decorative fencing.
- e. *Fence, Living*: A hedge or row of bushes planted with the purpose of screening a yard.
- f. *Fence, Privacy, Screening, Security*: a fence no more than six (6) feet in height intended primarily to screen or provide security to property.
- g. *Vision Triangle*: the area at an intersection formed by extending a straight line 20 feet along the back of each curb from its radius spring point and connecting these two points (See Figure 8).

#### 2. Location (see Figure 1712)

- a. *Corner-Front Yard*. Only decorative and living fences are allowed within a corner-front yard with a minimum setback of two (2) feet from the street-fronting property line.
- b. *Side and Rear Yards*. Fences may be placed up to a lot line in side and rear yards.
- c. Fences shall be located so as to not obstruct corner clearance or vision of motorists exiting driveways.
- d. No fence shall be placed within the City right-of-way and if so placed shall be removed at the owner's expense.
- e. Underground electric fences shall be set a minimum of five (5) feet from a front or corner-front property line.

#### 3. Height and Design Restrictions

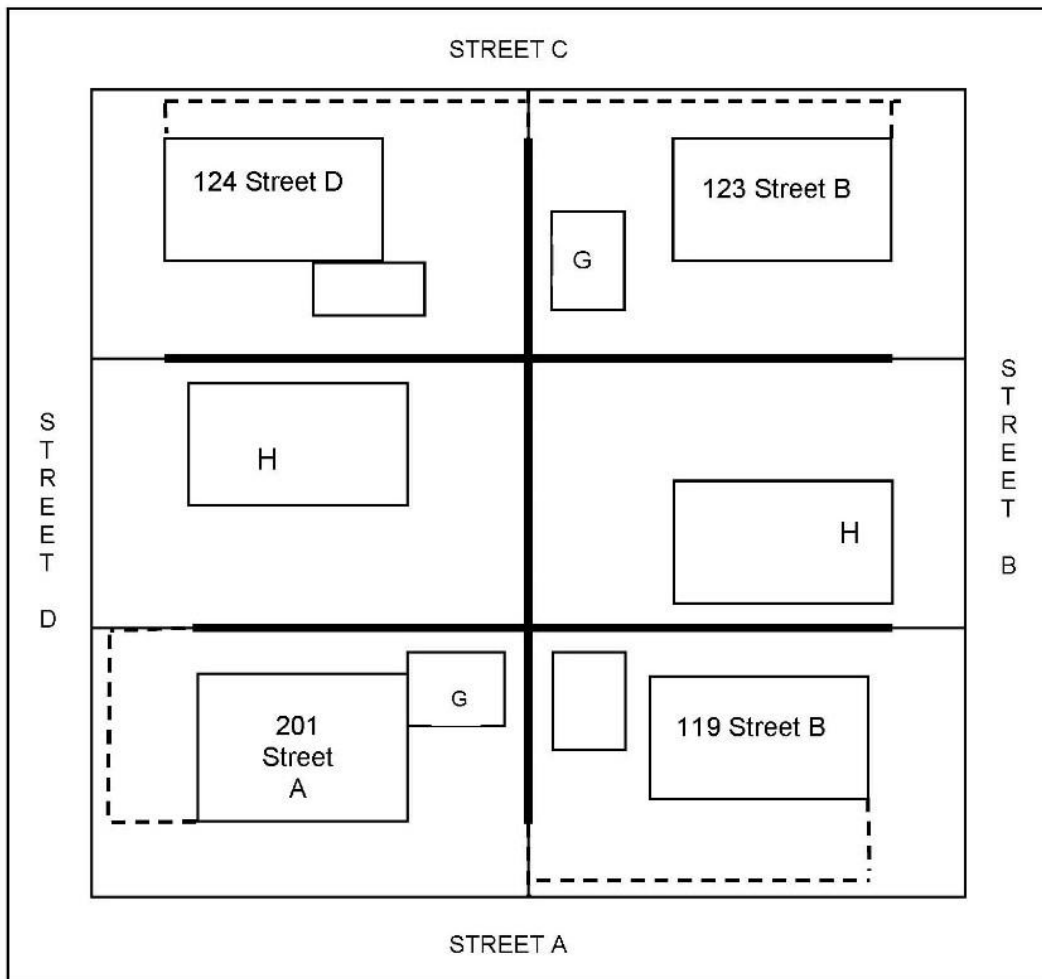
- a. Side and rear-yard fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and shall not extend beyond the principal structure into a front yard.
- b. Corner-front yard decorative fences shall not exceed 3 ½ feet (42 inches) in height and shall not obstruct vision to an extent greater than fifty (50) percent of total area.
- c. Chain link fences are only allowed in rear and side yards.
- d. Living fences shall not exceed three (3) feet in height in a corner- front yard, shall be placed so that growth is kept at least two (2) feet from the property line, and shall not contain invasive species.

- e. 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.
- f. Fences may be placed on retaining walls, berms or similar features with the fence height to be measured from the established grade.
- g. All fences shall have the finished side facing the adjacent property or public right-of-way.

4. Maintenance of nuisances

Fences shall be maintained so as not to endanger life or property. Any fence which, through lack of repair, type of construction, or otherwise, endangers life or property is hereby deemed a nuisance per Chapter 13 of the Petoskey Code of Ordinances.

Figure 1712



- In a corner-front yard only decorative fences, maximum 3 ½ feet in height, 50% open or living fence, maximum 3 feet in height allowed two (2) feet from property line
- Maximum 6 Ft. Fence Allowed