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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

-----TOWNSHIP USE ONLY-----

Date received: _____ Date of issuance: _____ Date of rejection: _____

Zoning district: _____ Parcel number: _____ Permit number: _____ Fee: \$55

Signature of zoning officer: _____

Owner information

Owner: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Applicant information

Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Contractor information

Contractor: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Fence information

A plot plan that illustrates the location of the proposed fence in relation to the property boundary lines must be included as part of this application. ***The identification of property boundary lines is the responsibility of the property owner. The Township does not attempt to identify or be responsible for identification of property boundary lines.*** Additionally, a photograph, catalog picture or sketch of the fence to be installed shall be included as part of this application.

The applicant: Owner Contractor hereby makes application to erect the following fence:

Length: _____ Height: _____ Material: _____

Valuation: _____ Contract Price: _____

I have received, read, and understand the requirements for fences according to the Westtown Township Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, §170-1505 and agree to abide in full to those regulations. I further agree to install, erect, and construct the fence to the specifications described in this application. I also understand that this permit applies only to the fence described above and that this permit is non-transferable.

Signature of property owner

Date

Signature of applicant

Date

Westtown Township Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, §170-1505 – Fences & Walls

[Amended 3-3-2003 by Ord. No. 2003-2; 2-6-2012 by Ord. No. 2012-1]

- A.** A permit is not required for a fence in the Township District.
- B.** A permit is required for the installation of all other fences exceeding 40 feet in length and within the front, rear or side setback areas, except fences enclosing agricultural uses, or those constructed in conjunction with a permit for the installation of a swimming pool. A plot plan locating the proposed fence shall be submitted with the permit application. The plot plan may be an informal sketch plan, not necessarily to exact scale, showing the property boundaries and accurately locating the proposed fence. The property owner or contractor shall notify the PA One Call System before beginning construction of the fence.
- C.** In a residential district or a residential or agricultural lot in another zoning district:
- (1)** A fence located within the required front building setback area of any yard shall have a maximum height of five feet and shall have a ratio of open to structural areas of at least 1:1 (such as a split-rail or picket fence).
 - (2)** A wall within the required front building setback area shall not exceed a height of three feet.
 - (3)** A fence or wall located within a minimum principal building setback area, other than the minimum front building setback, shall have a maximum height of six feet (decorative post tops may extend above six feet).
 - (4)** If one side of a fence is smoother or more finished than the other side of the fence, the smoother or more finished side shall face onto any abutting lot or public road.
 - (5)** A fence higher than six feet is permitted to enclose a recreation facility such as a tennis court if the fence is integral to the recreational use and complies with the required building setbacks applicable to the zoning district.
- D.** On any nonresidential lot, a fence or wall shall not exceed a height of five feet within the minimum front building setback area and eight feet in any other minimum principal building setback area.
- E.** Where landscaping is required as a buffer around a use, all fencing shall be located on the inside of the landscaping, except for fencing that is mostly open (such as split-rail or picket fencing) and is constructed of wood or materials with a similar appearance.
- F.** This section shall not restrict retaining walls that are necessary to hold back slopes, nor walls of a building that are permitted by this chapter.
- G.** No fence or wall shall be constructed on a property within the existing or future right-of-way of a street, nor in any location that would obstruct a permanent easement.
- H.** Fences and their support materials shall be placed entirely within the boundaries of the property being fenced. If the fence is to be located on or near the property line and the property owner cannot demonstrate that the property line location is known and identified in the field, as well as on the permit plan, the Township may require a survey of the property.
- I.** The repair or replacement of any fence that currently exists as of the date of the adoption of this chapter shall not require a permit.