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Frequently Asked Fence Questions

Q: Is a Permit required to install a fence?

A: Yes, Zoning Permits ARE required by Borough Ordinance.

Note: Construction Permits AND Zoning Board approvals are required for fences over 6 feet tall.

Q: What do I need for the Zoning Permit?

A: A copy of your property survey showing all structures and improvements on your property AND where the proposed fence is going to be installed, details on the height and style of fence materials.

Q: How much does the permit cost?

A: \$20.00 payable in cash, check or money order.

Sorry—we do not accept credit or debit cards at this time.

Q: I want to replace an existing fence. Do I need a permit?

A: No, so long as the fence is conforming and you are not enlarging, extending, relocating or changing the height or length.

Q: What is the maximum height fence allowed?

A: 6 feet privacy fencing is allowed on side and rear yards.

6 foot fences may not extend beyond the front wall of your home.

Fencing from the front wall of the home to the street may not exceed 3 feet.

Q: Are there different requirements for the height of fences in the side yards?

A: Yes. Closed-weave or closed picket privacy fencing on side yards may not exceed 3 feet.

Open-weave chain link fences not exceeding 4 feet are permitted in side yards.

Q: My home is located at the corner of two streets. Are there different requirements?

A: Yes. Front yard fences at corner lots may not exceed 30 inches high on corner lots measured from the point where the centerlines of the intersecting streets meet, 100 feet in both directions.

Q: Are there requirements on where the fence must be located on my property?

A: Yes, The fence must be installed within your property lines.

Fences may NOT encroach upon a public Right-of-Way

Fences may NOT impair visibility for safe traffic movement.

Fences may NOT change or add to the natural flow of surface water

Fences may NOT be located in any Easement, Buffer or other prohibited place.

Q: Are there any other requirements?

A: Yes. The finished ("good side") must face outwards, and all fences must be maintained in safe, sound and upright condition.

Q: Can I use barbed wire or alternate fence materials?

A: No. Barbed wire, poultry netting, metal spikes, canvas, cloth, guardrail, cables, electrified materials, collapsible or expandable materials or logs, railroad ties and telephone poles with a diameter of over six inches is prohibited.

Need more information?

Please feel free to contact the Zoning Officer at 856-783-7400 ext. 202, or via email at MScardino@pinehillboronj.com