

St. Clair Township

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**Fence
Permit
Application
\$40.00**

**A FENCE PERMIT WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS IT MEETS THE ORDINANCE
Do not proceed with the installation of a fence until you receive a permit.**

DATE: _____

LOCATION ADDRESS: _____ ZONING: _____

PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: _____

PROPERTY OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

CONTRACTOR'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

CONTRACTOR'S EMAIL: _____

CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS: _____

License Held: _____ State License#: _____ Exp Date _____

TYPE OF FENCE

Description of fence type, material, and location:

Submit site plan and a survey with the proposed location of the fence clearly indicated
(Mortgage Survey is acceptable)

- Fence posts must be on the applicant's side of the fence
- Permit holder is responsible for property line identification and MISS Dig staking

St Clair Township does not confirm HOA or deed restriction compliance. It is the homeowner's responsibility to secure any necessary HOA approval and/or to confirm compliance with any applicable deed restrictions. The Township will not refund permit application fees where HOA rules or deed restrictions prohibit fences.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing information is correct to the best of my knowledge and I am responsible for property line identification and MISS Dig staking:

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Date

Section 7.9. Fences, Walls and Screens. All fences, walls and other protective barriers (referred to in this Section as "fences") of any nature, description or location in St. Clair Township shall conform to the following regulations:

7.9.1. PERMIT. The erection, construction or alteration of any fence shall require the issuance of a zoning permit approved in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

7.9.2. CONSTRUCTION. All fences hereafter erected shall comply with the following:

A. Safety. With the exception of Rurally zoned property, barbwire, spikes, nails or any other sharp instruments of any kind are prohibited on top of, or on the sides of any fence, except that barbed wire cradles may be placed on top of fences enclosing public utility buildings or equipment in any district, or wherever deemed necessary by the Planning Commission in the interest of public safety or protection of private property.

B. Visibility. Where any fence would be located within twenty-five (25') feet of a street intersection, the wall shall be angled or off-set in such a manner so as to comply with the intersection visibility provisions found in this ordinance. C. Construction. All exposed horizontal and vertical structural members of a fence shall be located facing the inside of the property they are intended to fence.

7.9.3. AGRICULTURAL USES. All animals raised for agricultural uses shall be enclosed by fencing suitable to retain such animals. A. Notwithstanding the general provisions and intent of this section, barbed wire or other sharp, pointed material may be used in the construction of any fence in rural zoned areas so long as such fence is used exclusively to contain those animals kept or maintained for personal use.

7.9.4. RESIDENTIAL USES. Fences or walls in residential districts may be constructed along or inside the property line of a side or rear yard as follows:

A. Side/Rear Yard Height. Fences on all lots and parcels of record in all rural/residential districts which enclose property and/or are within a required side or rear yard, shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the house or the required minimum front yard, whichever is greater. However, fences within a required side or rear yard may be allowed to exceed six (6) feet in height after review and approval of the plans by the Planning Commission.

B. Front Yard Height. Fences are allowed in the front yard provided they are decorative in nature, do not exceed a maximum visual impairment of thirty percent (30%) and do not exceed four (4) feet in height.

C. St. Clair River. Man made decorative and chain link fences on lots with frontage on the St. Clair River shall be allowed to be erected in the yard on the river side, provided they do not exceed an average of five (5) feet in height and do not exceed a maximum visual impairment of thirty percent (30%). Fences or screening that do not exceed an average of six (6) feet in height, may be constructed after an "Improvement Review" and approval by the Planning Commission.

7.9.5 NON-RESIDENTIAL USES. Fences in other than Rural/Residential Districts shall only be permitted to be located and constructed as approved by the Planning Commission after an "Improvement Review".