

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**

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**Zoning Compliance Application for Fences**

This application must be completed in full and approved by the Township Zoning Administrator before beginning any construction, excavation or use regulated by the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A zoning permit is required for all new fences in the Township except for farm related fencing. The fence ordinance section is on page 3. The fee is \$25.00. Please make all checks payable to Vergennes Township.

**Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner Information** (if different from applicant)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Fence**

Fence construction Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number **41-16-** \_\_\_\_\_ or attach legal description if number not yet assigned

Fence type \_\_\_\_\_

Fence height (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe proposed fence location \_\_\_\_\_

Note - If the fence has a "more decorative" side, it must face the street and neighbors.

**Attach a site plan showing the street, driveway, dwelling, structures and the proposed fence location. See page 2. The fence ordinance section is on page 3.**

**Affidavit**

I certify and affirm that I am the property owner or the owner's authorized agent and that I agree to conform to applicable zoning laws of Vergennes Township. I also certify and affirm that this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission for Township representatives to visit this location.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zoning Compliance Permit Application (page 2)**

**Site Plan**

Use the space below to draw a site plan showing the proposed location and heights of new fencing. Include the location of existing structures, dwelling, shoreline, driveway, lot lines and the street. You can also use a separate piece of paper.

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**Zoning Administrator Use**

Fee paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_

Application Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Administrator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Fence ordinance section is shown below.**

201.443 Fences

4.43. Fences shall meet the following requirements:

- A. Installation of fencing shall not require a building permit or site plan approval by the Planning Commission; however, a sketch detail must be provided showing the proposed location, existing buildings on adjacent parcels, setbacks, and lot lines. Approval shall be required by the Zoning Administrator.
- B. No solid fencing in excess of three (3) feet in height shall be located within a front setback area or within 30 feet of a waterfront property line. If the fencing is at least 50% transparent, it shall not be in excess of four (4) feet in height. Fences or walls may be placed along a property line; however, no fence shall be placed within a clear vision corner area as defined herein. In other portions of a lot or parcel, fencing shall not exceed six (6) feet in height. Provided, however, that the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator may approve fencing of greater height as part of the review and approval of a site plan.
- C. The maximum height of a fence shall be measured from ground level adjacent to the fence, provided that fill shall not be permitted for the purpose of achieving a greater height than otherwise would be permitted.
- D. Fences, walls, and screens shall be maintained in good repair and in safe and attractive condition, including but not limited to replacement of missing, decayed, or broken structural and decorative elements with the same materials.
- E. Fencing materials shall consist of wood, vinyl, wrought iron, anodized aluminum, brick, stone, masonry, or other durable commonly accepted fencing materials.
- F. Any fencing or wall with a single finished side shall be installed with the finished side facing the neighboring property or the road right-of-way.
- G. The provisions of this section do not apply to farms and farm operations as defined in the Right to Farm Act (Act 93 of 1981), provided that such farms and farm operations are in compliance with adopted Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPs).