



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORT HURON

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## GENERAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS

	PORT HURON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE	REF #
1	A Zoning Permit is required to be issued for all fences except a border fence not exceeding 30 inches in height.(Border Treatment See Section 3.b)	40-737
2	Razor wire and electric fence wire are <b>NOT</b> prohibited in a Residential District. Barbed wire is only permitted in industrial districts and must be at least 8 feet above grade. Commercial fences cannot exceed 8 feet in height. Posts must be sunk into the ground at least 3 feet.	Sec.1.a
3	<b>The side of the fence with the more finished appearance shall face the exterior of the lot unless <u>written permission</u> is received from the neighbor.</b>	Sec.1.b
4	No fence can be erected obstructing use of adjacent property or legal access to it.	Sec.1.b
5	All fences must be maintained for the life of the fence.	Sec.1.d
6	Fences may not be attached to or touch an adjacent owners fence without written permission, but	Sec.1.e
7	Fences shall be located to provide unobstructed sight distance for drivers.	Sec1.f
8	No fence is to be erected prior to the submission of an application with the required information and approval of the permit.	Sec.2.a
9	Fences erected prior to obtaining a permit require the fee to be twice the original.	Sec.2.b
10	If a property line cannot be clearly established, a survey and the placement of stakes may be required by the Building Official from a licensed surveyor.	Sec.2.c
11	Residential fences cannot exceed 6 feet in height.	Sec.3.a
12	Six (6) foot high fences are permitted to extend to the rear of the main structure & four (4) foot fences to the front of the house & decorative three (3) foot fences in the front yard.	Sec3.a.2
13	Fences abutting streets are required to not be located closer than a foot from an existing sidewalk or the property line.	Sec3.a
14	Call for inspection upon completion.	
15	You must call Miss Dig a minimum of 3 working days before any digging at 1-800-482-7171.	State Law
16	While we may issue a permit for the erection of a fence, <b>THE PERMIT HOLDER IS RESPONSIBLE TO VERIFY AND DETERMINE IF THEIR PROPERTY CONTAINS AN EASEMENT.</b> They should contact the holder of the easement to determine if the fence can be erected and what other permission is necessary and / or other conditions that are applicable, prior to the erection of the fence.	