

**FENCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**Harrison Township Ordinance §113-8**

**As a general rule, fences do not require building permits. However, there are specific regulations regarding the placement of fences.**

- **No fence may exceed six feet in height without a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A fence higher than six feet will also require building permits.**
- **No fence higher than four feet may be placed in the front yard in a residential zone. The front yard begins at the front corner of the dwelling.**
- **All sides of a lot adjacent to streets shall be considered as front yards for purposes of determining setbacks and placement of fences.**
- **No fence higher than four feet shall be erected along a public right-of-way and shall be set back at least five feet from the property line. The right-of-way is considered to be that area occupied by a road, sidewalk, or other similar uses.**
- **Fences shall not cause the flow of natural drainage to be blocked or dammed to create ponding. Fences shall not be placed in easements where the placement of a structure is prohibited or in sight triangles.**
- **Fences shall be erected with the finished side away from the property and the structural side toward the interior of the property.**
- **Fence gates shall have a latch and shall open into the property and not onto the sidewalk, street, or other adjacent property.**
- **Fences must be maintained on both sides to be safe, sound and in an upright condition.**
- **Living fences shall not be planted closer than four feet to the property line and shall not encroach over a sidewalk or beyond a property line. Living fences shall be maintained in a neatly trimmed condition.**

**If you have any questions regarding the placement of a fence on your property, please consult the Zoning Officer (478-6522) before you put your fence up. If your fence is improperly placed, you may be required to move it or apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance from the ordinances.**

