

FENCE GUIDELINES

7.05 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

(4) **Fences, Hedges and berms.** For the purpose of this Section, a "fence" is herein defined as an enclosed barrier consisting of vegetation, earthen materials, wood, stone or metal intended to prevent ingress or egress. For the purpose of this Section, the term "fence" shall include plantings, such as hedges, berms and shrubbery. No fence shall be constructed of unsightly or dangerous materials that would constitute a nuisance. Parcels zoned agricultural of over five acres would be exempt from the requirements of this ordinance. For the purpose of this ordinance, all measurements are taken from property lines (this is not the curb or the blacktop of the road - it is specifically the property line).

- (a) **Approval required.** No person shall erect or construct any fence unless specifically exempted by the provisions of this ordinance on any property in the Town of Greenville without having first obtained approval from the Town of Greenville and having submitted the proper information, which may include drawings, plot plan, fence detail or any other information deemed necessary.
- (b) **Installation of Fences.** All fences shall be maintained and kept safe and in a state of good repair and the finished side or decorative side of a fence shall face adjoining property.
- (c) **Setback for Residential Fences.** Fences in or adjacent to a residential property may be constructed along lot lines as per 7.05 (4)(c) and 7.05 (8).
- (d) **Height of Fences Regulated.** Notwithstanding other provisions of these regulations, ornamental fences, walls, berms and hedges may be permitted in any yard provided no such fence, wall, berm or hedge shall exceed a height of forty-two (42) inches in the entire area of any required front. The required front yard is the same as the required building setback for a principal structure as per the zoning district it is located in. All street sides are considered front yards and no such fence, wall, or hedge shall exceed a height of six (6) feet in any other required yard. Eight (8) feet will be allowed on Industrial and commercial sites as per Planning Commission approval.
- (e) **Security Fences.** Security fences are not permitted in any required front yard in any district. Security fences are permitted on side and rear property lines in all districts except residential districts, but shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height and shall be of an open type similar to woven wire or wrought iron fencing.
- (f) **Prohibited Fences.** No fence shall be constructed which creates or is in a dangerous condition or which uses barbed wire, provided however, that barbed wire may be used in industrially and airport zoned areas if the devices securing the barbed wire to the fence are eight (8) feet above the ground in height. Devices securing barbed wire attached to fences placed on a property line shall not project over said line. Barbed wire may not be used in residential areas. Electric fences are

allowed in exclusive or general agricultural districts except when it can be shown a dangerous condition will result.

- (g) **Temporary Fences.** Fences erected for the protection of planting or to warn of construction hazard, or for similar purposes, shall be clearly visible or marked with colored streamers or other such warning devices at four (4) foot intervals. Such fences shall comply with the setback requirements set forth in this Section and shall not be erected for more than forty-five (45) days.
- (h) **Non-conforming Fences and Hedges.** Any fence or hedge existing on the effective date of the Code of Ordinances and not in conformance with this Section may be maintained, but all alterations, modifications or improvements of said fence shall comply with the Section.
- (i) **Conditional Use Fence Permits.** Permission to deviate from the height, size, material, design, or setback may be considered by the Town of Greenville Planning Commission. Application with fee and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the Town. The Planning Commission may grant the request for a Conditional Use Fence Permit upon finding that the property owner has shown clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has a legitimate need for the permit. Fee as per fee schedule.

(8) Corner Visibility. On any corner lot in all zoning districts, no fence, wall, hedge, planting, object or structure shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as to obstruct vision between a height of two and one half (2 ½) feet and ten (10) feet above the centerline grades of the intersecting streets in the area bounded by the right of way lines of such corner lots and a line joining the point along said right of way line (15) feet from the point of intersection.