

Town Of Grand Rapids
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For obtaining a Permit for a **FENCE OR WALL** the following must be done before the Inspector can issue the permit:

1. Fence Permit Application – see attached Permit application
2. Town of Grand Rapids Zoning Permit - You must provide zoning information as part of the Building Permit application so the Zoning Administrator can verify compliance with the Town zoning ordinance.
3. Plot plan - showing the location of the fence or wall in relation to buildings, wells, surface waters, property lines, and septic systems.

Information All this information and forms are available at Town of Grand Rapids Web-site at www.townofgrandrapids.org along with applications for other types of permits also.

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4) Fence

a) Location:

- i. Except in the Agricultural District, no fence or wall shall be erected along property lot lines with any portion closer than 12 inches to the lot line, except that a fence or wall may be erected on the property line by mutual agreement, in writing, of the adjoining property owners.
- ii. Fences or walls located within the setback area of any lot or side yard fronting any street shall not exceed 2 ½ feet in height, except that "Open" fences such as chain link or split-rail may be erected within setback areas if they do not interfere with the vision triangle as specified the Zoning Ordinance.
- iii. No fence may be erected within road right-of-way without Town Board approval.

b) Appearance: Fences and walls shall be constructed and maintained so as to be pleasing in appearance and not degrade adjoining property.

- i. Maximum height of 6 feet from finished grade to top of fence, except in salvage yards where 7 feet high fences are required.
- ii. If both sides of fence are not identical in appearance, the more aesthetically pleasing side must be placed toward the adjacent property.

c) Prohibited Fences: Barbed wire, spike or picket fences, except those with round tops, are prohibited, except that barbed wire fences may be erected in Agricultural and Industrial zones. Barbed wire fences in Agricultural Districts may be on the property line. In Industrial Districts, fences must be at least 12 inches from any lot line.

d) Swimming Pool Fence: All permanent outdoor swimming pools shall be enclosed to a height of not less than five feet and guarded against accidental trespassers or frequenters. (Above ground pools are not required to be fenced if they have removable ladders.)

e) Dog Enclosures: Kennels and dog runs shall be at least 9 feet from any lot line.

f) Permits: A permit is required for all fences and walls including dog runs, except that no permit is required for agricultural wire fences and open wire fences erected in other districts solely to keep out animals.

