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**FENCE PERMITS REQUIREMENTS**  
**(Please read carefully. Incomplete applications will be rejected.)**

Application for fence approval shall be made on a Building Permit Application. Every application will be reviewed for compliance with the provisions of Sections 19-4.14(3)(a) and 19-4.12(5) of the Zoning Ordinance (excerpted below). In order to enable this review, the following information is required to be submitted with the application:

- 1) Two copies of a plot plan, drawn to scale, clearly identifying the subject property and indicating the proposed location of the fence on the property. The plan must also indicate the location of any buildings on the subject property and adjoining properties, and any street intersections. Noted on the plan must also be the name of the individual responsible for producing the plan. All plans must be dated and any revisions must also be noted and dated;
- 2) Application fee of \$75.00 for residential one and two family properties, or \$150.00 for commercial and multi-family properties.

**Section 19-4.14(3)** provides that fences and walls not exceeding eight (8) feet in height may be erected or hedges maintained and planted on any lot line. No such fence, wall or ledge shall be permitted nearer than ten (10) feet to any wall or an adjoining building that contains legal windows. All walls and fences shall be substantially constructed and shall meet with the approval of the Building Inspector with respect to public safety. No hedges shall overhang the public street or sidewalk in such a manner as to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

**Section 19-4.12(5)** provides that at all street intersections in all districts requiring a front yard, no obstructions to vision exceeding thirty (30) inches in height above curb level shall be erected or maintained on any lot within the triangle formed by the street lines of such lot and a line drawn between points along such street lines twenty (20) feet distant from their point of intersection. Further, the Director of Public Safety is hereby empowered to order removal of any such structure or growth which, in his opinion, does in fact cause a danger to traffic.