



FENCES

VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE 22.08.150

To access the Village Fence Ordinance on-line, please use the link below:

http://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/government/chapter_22_-_zoning_ordinance/22_08_general_provisions.php#Fence

FENCE: An unroofed manmade structure that extends more than 12 inches above grade designed as a barrier, ornamental or architectural feature intended for, or capable of, enclosing, inhibiting ingress or egress, dividing, bounding, or, simply making a line on a piece of land.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

No fence, wall or privacy screen shall be replaced or altered by more than 25% of the vertical area of any side until a permit has been issued.

All new fences require a permit.

An application for a permit shall be filed with the Village Building Department and accompanied by a \$75.00 fee. Please include a plan showing:

- Location of the fence, wall or privacy screen in relation to lot lines, principal building, other structures, roadways, driveways and sidewalks
- Dimensions and design or style of the fence, wall, or privacy screen
- Materials. Fences, walls and privacy screens shall be constructed of high quality, durable materials including brick, natural stone, vinyl with matte finish, treated wood or metal (such as wrought iron or painted aluminum).

Any fence, wall, or privacy screen shall be located entirely inside and shall not project beyond the perimeter of the private property of the person constructing it.

In the event lot lines for the subject property cannot be located to the satisfaction of the Building Official, the Building Official may require the applicant to establish lot lines on the property located by a licensed surveyor.

The village permit does not relieve the applicant of compliance with the Homeowners Association regulations or deed restrictions if applicable.

The use of razor wire, barbed wire, protruding spikes, nails, or any sharp are not permitted

Chain link, wire mesh, and similar materials are only permitted for fences in rear yards.

Any fence, wall, or privacy screen shall be located entirely inside the perimeter of the private property of the person constructing it.

A fence, wall, or privacy screen may not be attached to, or touch, a fence, wall, or privacy screen located on another lot without the written consent of both owners. In every case, fences, walls, and privacy screens must be designed and constructed as a stand-alone structure.

Any existing perimeter fencing, wall, or privacy screen must be removed prior to installation of new fencing, wall, or privacy screens at that lot line.

In the event an existing fence, wall, or privacy screen is on the neighboring property, a four (4) inch gap between the established grade and bottom of the fence or privacy screen is required to allow the maintenance of grasses and/or weeds between the structures. Such fences must be no more than four (4) inches apart unless adequate access is provided for maintenance purposes.

The vertical dimension of any fence, wall, gate or column shall be measured from the lowest finished grade on both sides of any such fence, wall, gate or column to any point on top of the fence, wall, gate or column.

When one side of the fence or wall has a more finished appearance than the other, the side with the more finished appearance shall face the exterior of the lot.

No fence, wall, or privacy screen shall be erected where it would unreasonably obstruct the continued use of, or safe access to any abutting property.

Fences, walls and privacy screens shall be constructed in accordance with the adopted Michigan Building Code/Michigan Residential Code and shall be maintained in good condition.

To apply for a fence permit, you can visit the link below:

https://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/document_center/Departments/Building%20Department/Fillable%20Forms%205-20/Fence%20Permit.pdf

Please be sure to include a plan showing the required information described herein.

You can submit your plans via e-mail to:

cbrown@villagebeverlyhills.com

If you have an on-line account through BS&A, once approved, you can pay for the permit on-line using the following link:

<https://bsaonline.com/?uid=2094>

If you are a first-time user and need instruction, please use the following link:

https://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/document_center/Departments/BSA%20Online/bsao_makingpayment.pdf

If you submit your application via e-mail, you will be notified of the status of your permit within a few short days. Please be sure to include phone number and e-mail address of property owner, contact person and contractor as may be applicable.

You may contact the Village of Beverly Hills Planning and Building Department by visiting us at:

**18500 W. 13 Mile Rd.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025**

Or by phone at:

248-646-6404

Or visit our web page at:

www.villagebeverlyhills.com

