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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Application must be filled out completely and must be approved before a permit will be issued.

An application fee of \$25, payable to the City of Lowell is due when the application is turned in.

Paying the application fee does not grant approval.

1) Applicant _____ 2) Phone () _____ - _____

3) Address _____

4) Type of Fence _____

6) Please sketch a site diagram on the back of the application showing the following

- a. Proposed height of fence
- b. Location, with distance to lot lines
- c. Distance between all existing structures
- d. Location of all roads bordering or on the property
- e. Location of any easements on the property.
- f. A north arrow indication the direction of north

Applicant Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

- **Please call when fence is in place so that the fence can be inspected.**
- **Permit is not valid unless Zoning Administrator has signed and marked approved. Call City of Lowell at 616-897-8457 for an inspection when project is completed.**

Do not write below this line

District: _____ Setbacks: Front _____ ft, Rear _____ ft, Side ____ / ____

Zoning Administrator _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Approved? _____ Comments: _____

Inspection Date ____ / ____ / ____ Inspector _____

City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance

Section 4.07. Fences and walls

Please note the following requirements:

- A. Fences or walls shall be located on the same property as the use to which they apply.
- B. No fences or walls may be erected or maintained within the right-of-way of any public street, alley or other public way or other clear vision requirements applicable in section 4.06 hereof.
- C. Unless specifically provided for elsewhere in this ordinance, a fence or wall or that portion of a fence or wall that is greater than fifty (50) percent solid may not exceed a height of thirty-six (36) inches and may not otherwise exceed a height of forty-eight (48) inches within any required front yard or a height of seventy-two (72) inches in any other area, except as noted in D. below. Fences shall be measured from the finished grade to the top of the fence. Posts will not be considered a part of fence height unless in the opinion of the zoning enforcement officer they obstruct vision.
- D. No fence or wall shall contain any exposed spike, nail, barb, other pointed instrument or electrification unless necessary for security in a nonresidential district, or for the protection of public utility buildings or improvements, or for livestock containment in agricultural areas. The exposed spike, nail, barb or other pointed instrument portion of the fence or wall shall be at least six (6) feet from the finished grade, in which case the height of the fence or wall may extend to a maximum of seven (7) feet above the finished grade.
- E. Fence shall be residential in appearance and intent. Farm type fences are allowed on farmland in residential districts.
- F. In an industrial district, an open, wire protective fence may be constructed in the required front yard, where necessary, to enclose secure areas or to prevent access to potentially hazardous areas.
- G. All fences located along a property line shall have exposed posts and/or bracing of the fence located so as to face the interior of the property.
- H. Any fence or wall erected or maintained along or near a lot line or other property boundary line shall be located and maintained so that no part of the fence or wall is located upon or encroaches on or above any other adjacent lot or parcel of property.
- I. All fences and walls shall be kept in good repair and condition: Both sides of a fence or wall, including a fence erected along a property line, shall be maintained in good repair and condition to maintain the original aesthetic of the fence including but not limited to finish, shape and style. If not maintained as prescribed, the fence shall be required to be repaired or removed.
- J. Privacy screens shall be permitted in side and rear yards only. The maximum allowable footage of a privacy screen per section shall not exceed twenty-seven (27) feet. Sections of privacy screens may not be contiguously installed, but shall have a minimum of twelve (12) inches per space between sections and no more than three (3) sections shall be permitted per property side and rear yard lot lines or other property boundaries. Privacy screens shall not exceed a height of eight (8) feet above the finished grade.
- K. A permit shall be obtained from the zoning enforcement officer prior to the installation of a fence, wall or privacy screen and the design of all fences, walls or privacy screens, including openings for vehicular traffic or other purpose, shall only be as permitted in this section and the permit issued by the zoning enforcement officer.