APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT

Township of Upper St. Clair
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OFFICE USE

ZON _____

I (We) hereby make application for a fence permit submitting herewith two (2) drawings of proposed fence and two (2) copies of plot plan (survey), showing on same location of proposed fence.

Property Address:

Plan/Subdivision:	Lot No.:	Zoning District:
Property Owner(s) Name: Address(if different from above): City: Zip:	Home:: Cell: Email:	
Fence Contractor: Address: City: State: Zip:	Business: Cell: Email:	

WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT

To be completed by contractor

Contractor, in compliance with Act 44 of 1993, hereby submits: ***Township of Upper St. Clair as Certificate Holder***

(Check One)

- ❑ Certificate of Insurance ( ) Attached ( ) On File
- ❑ Certificate of Self-Insurance ( ) Attached ( ) On File
- ❑ Affidavit of Exemption ( ) Attached
- ❑ Contractor/Applicant is a sole proprietorship without employees
- ❑ Contractor/Applicant is a corporation or partnership and the only employees working on the job have and are qualified as "Executive Employees" under Section 104 of the Workers Compensation Act. Please explain:

Contractor's Federal or State Employer ID No. (EIN):	Company Name:
Print Name:	Print Title:

CONTRACTOR'S STATEMENT:

I hereby agree to comply with the provisions of the Codes and Regulations of the Township of Upper St. Clair and all other applicable laws and regulations of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States, whether or not specified in this application. My signature on behalf of or as the Contractor for this building permit constitutes my verification that the statements contained here are true and that I am subject to the penalty of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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Contractor's Signature Date

FENCE DESCRIPTION

Fill in all sections below completely.

HEIGHT to the highest point: **( ) ft. ( ) in.**

LOCATION: check all that apply: ☐ **Front Yard** ☐ **Side Yard** ☐ **Rear Yard** ☐ **Other**

TYPE: check all that apply: ☐ **Privacy** ☐ **Chain Link** ☐ **Split Rail** ☐ **Metal** ☐ **Wood** ☐ **Vinyl**

☐ **Picket Width of Spaces - _____in. and Pickets - _____in.**

Estimated Cost of Construction: **$_____**

FEE

$25.00 Zoning Fee

Check No. and Bank Name/Cash Receipt No.:

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OWNER'S STATEMENT

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further agree to comply with the provisions of the Codes and Regulations of the Township of Upper St. Clair and all other applicable laws and regulations of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States, whether or not specified in this application.
In addition, I agree that if a permit is issued, the permit may be revoked by administrative action of the Township of Upper St. Clair for failure to comply with said laws and regulations.

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Property Owner's signature Date

In all required front yards, a fence must not be more than 4 feet above the ground level on which it is located and must be ornamental in design (no chain link or other strictly functional design). Pickets shall be no more than 6" wide and no more than 1 supporting rail, in addition to the bottom rail, is permitted for each 18" in height. Fences in all required side yards and the required rear yard must be not more than 6 feet in height. The unfinished side of all fences must face toward the structure or area, which it is intended to enclose or screen on the lot on which the fence is located. Fences are not permitted in street right-of-way.
PRIVACY FENCES (fences that are more than 50% solid) . . . . . . are <u>not</u> permitted in the required front or side yards. They are permitted in the buildable area of the lot, in the required rear yard and along the rear lot line, but they must not encroach into the required side yard. Height limit is 6 feet. Commercial lattice type fences are considered privacy fences.

Plans and Specification and Plot Plan for the above application have been examined, and I hereby certify that they comply in every particular with Ordinances of the Township of Upper St. Clair, and approve the issuing of a Fence Permit for the same.

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Township Inspector Date Approved

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FOR FINAL INSPECTION, PLEASE CALL THE BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE AT 412.831.9000 EXT. 5010

Final Township Inspection: ☐ **PASS** ☐ **FAIL**

Inspector: _____ **Date:_____**

GUIDELINES FOR BUILDING A FENCE

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW FIRST.....

- ***** a zoning permit is required;
- * submit copy of survey of property (plot plan) clearly showing location of proposed fence;
- ***** if the fence is a privacy fence (more than 50% solid), also submit sketch of a section of fence with dimensions, including height to top of posts and width of boards plus width of space between boards;
- ***** fee is $25.

Typical fences permitted in front yards are split rail, wrought iron or equally spaced picket, not to exceed a height of 4 feet to the top of the posts. Pickets shall be no more than 6" wide and no more than one (1) supporting rail, in addition to the bottom rail, is permitted for each 18" in height. No strictly functional fences such as chain link are permitted in a front yard. Some properties are subject to private covenants that restrict fence types or disallow fences altogether. The Township does not participate in or enforce such restrictions, but you should check to see if any apply to your property.

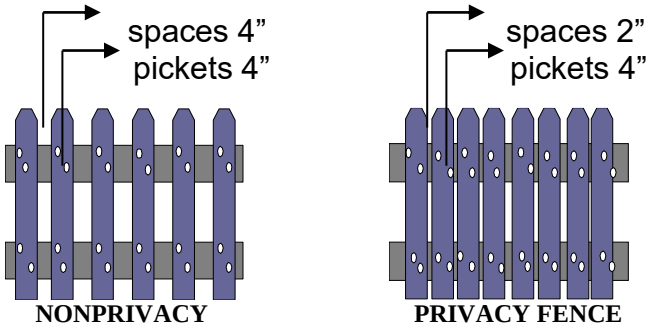
The unfinished side (with posts and stringers) of a fence must face toward the structure or area that it is intended to enclose or screen.

No fences, except invisible fences, are permitted in the street right-of-way except upon issuance of a **Street Opening Permit** and execution by Applicant of an **Indemnification Agreement** relieving the Township of any responsibility or liability for property damage or personal injury. No permit is required if located anywhere else on the lot. The street right-of-way is typically *13 feet* back from the rear edge of the curb.

Fences in the side and rear yards are limited to 6 feet in height. With the exception of privacy fences, all fences are permitted up to the property line. See reverse side for illustration of yards.

PRIVACY FENCES... are not permitted in the required front or side yards. They are permitted in the buildable area of the lot, in the required rear yard and along the rear lot line, but they must not encroach into the required side yard. Height limit is 6 feet. See illustration below for privacy versus non-privacy fence. Commercial lattice type fences are considered privacy fences.

*An Application for **Fence Permit** or **Street Opening Permit** may be obtained Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please call 412.831.9000 if you have any questions*.



NONPRIVACY **PRIVACY FENCE**