

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

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**Fence Permit Application**

Fee: \$25.00 (make check payable to South Haven Township)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel number: 80-17- \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (other than owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fence: \_\_\_\_\_

*Wooden privacy, chain link, split rail, etc*

Height of fence: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Plan: attach a site plan showing where the fence will be located on the property. Include the setback distance from street and property lines; indicate height of fence.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner signature and date (required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant signature and date

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Office use only

Fee paid \_\_\_\_\_

Site plan submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Administrator approval \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Administrator denial \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Reason for denial: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 18.14 FRONTAGE ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ROAD OR HIGHWAY**

In any zoning district, every use, building or structure established after the effective date of this Ordinance shall be on a lot or parcel that fronts upon a public or private road right-of-way that meets all of the requirements for road construction as specified by the County Road Commission. Also refer to the Township Ordinance which "Regulates the Construction, Maintenance and Use of Public and Private Roads and Streets within South Haven Township".  
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## **SECTION 18.15 FENCES**

### **A. VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS**

No fence, wall, hedge, screen, sign, structure, vegetation or planting shall be higher four (4) feet above road grade on any corner lot or parcel in any zoning district requiring front and side yards within the triangular area formed by the intersecting road right-of-way lines and a straight line joining the two road lines at points which are thirty (30) feet distant from the point of intersection, measured along the road right-of-way lines.

### **B. FENCES, WALLS AND SCREENS**

1. The erection, construction, or alteration of any fence or other type of protective barrier shall be approved through permit by the Zoning Administrator as to their conforming to the requirements of the zoning districts wherein they are required because of land use development.
2. Fences in a RD and AR Districts are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance, except when required for specific principal or accessory uses and special uses.
3. Any existing fence not in conformance with this Ordinance shall not be altered or modified, except to make it more conforming.
4. Fences which are not specifically required otherwise under the regulations for the individual zoning districts, shall conform to the following requirements:
  - a. No fence shall hereafter be erected along the line dividing lots or parcels of land or located within any required side or rear yard in excess of six (6) feet in height above the grade of the surrounding land, except as provided in Section 18.15, B, 4, c.
  - b. Barbed wire, spikes, nails or any other sharp point or instrument of any kind on top or on the sides of any fence, electric current or charge in said fences is prohibited. Barbed wire cradles may be placed on top of fences enclosing public utility buildings or whenever deemed necessary in the interests of public safety.

- c. In an "I" Industrial District and "HC" Heavy Commercial District, no fence shall exceed twelve (12) feet in height. In an "CSC" Community Service Commercial District, no fence shall exceed eight (8) feet in height.
- d. Fences on all lots in MDR, LDR, HDR, and MFR Residential Districts which extend toward the front of the lot, within twenty-five (25) feet of the right-of-way line, shall not exceed four (4) feet in height.
- e. No fence or structure shall be erected, established or maintained on any corner lot except as provided in Section 18.15, A.
- f. Fences shall be constructed of materials commonly used in conventional fence construction, such as wood, vinyl or plastic, and metal. All fences shall be constructed with posts imbedded in the ground and horizontal top bar securely fastened.
- g. Exempt Fences: Temporary snow fences shall be exempt from these regulations so long as they are removed in the spring. Garden fences of a decorative nature shall also be exempt.

C. WALLS AND PROTECTIVE SCREENING

In order to provide adequate protective screening for residential areas adjacent to or near nonresidential areas, the following regulations shall apply:

- 1. Where a OSC, NSC, CSC, HSC, HC and I District abuts directly upon an MDR, LDR, HDR, and MFR residentially zoned district, or residentially used property in any district, a landscaped greenbelt as defined below, shall be provided and maintained along its entire length by the users of the said business, commercial, or industrial zoned property. In addition, the latter mentioned districts shall be screened from such contiguous, residentially zoned district by either a building which houses a permitted use, or else by a solid masonry wall four (4) to six (6) feet in height above grade, between said greenbelt area and the business, commercial or industrial use. Such greenbelt shall be a strip of land not less than twenty (20) feet in width which is planted and maintained with evergreens such as spruce, pines or firs from 5 to 6 feet in height, so as to create a permanent buffer; or a hedge of evergreens not less than four (4) feet in height, so as to create a permanent buffer. These plants shall be planted and shall reach such required height within five (5) years of approval of the site plan or development by the Township. The remainder of the landscaped area which is not planted with the aforementioned stock shall be in well-kept lawn. All landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition, neat and orderly in appearance. Such walls for shielding off-street parking or storage areas shall not be required when such areas are located more than 200 feet from such abutting residential use or district.