



Portland
CITY OF TWO RIVERS *Michigan*

FENCE/COVERED ENCLOSURE PERMIT

FEE \$25.00

DATE:	PROPERTY OWNER:
ADDRESS:	CONTRACTOR:
TOTAL COST OF LABOR AND MATERIALS:	PHONE #

NOTE: A SKETCH WHERE THE FENCE AND/OR COVERED ENCLOSURE IS GOING TO BE CONSTRUCTED MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS PERMIT.

BY SIGNING THIS PERMIT, I AS PROPERTY OWNER, GIVE PERMISSION FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR TO ACCESS MY PROPERTY FOR INSPECTION.

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE

APPROVED BY BUILDING INSPECTOR

DATE

INSPECTION RECORD

SITE INSPECTION PRIOR TO WORK: _____

APPROVED BY BUILDING INSPECTOR

DATE

SITE INSPECTION AFTER WORK: _____

COMPLETE _____
DATE

INSPECTOR

APPROVED _____
DATE

INSPECTOR

ods, without alteration to the exterior of the residence, to prevent ambient light spillage that may create a distraction for adjacent residential properties.

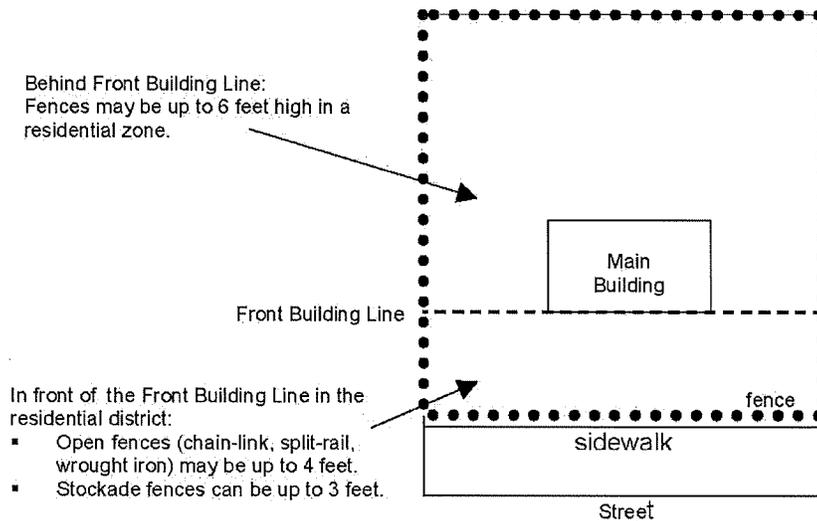
- (8) That portion of the residential structure where energy usage and heat exceeds typical residential use, such as a grow room, or where the storage of any chemicals such as herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers occurs, shall be subject to inspection and approval by the city building official or fire department to ensure compliance with applicable provisions of the fire code.
 - (9) No signage is permitted for a home occupation as a registered primary caregiver.
- (Ord. No. 175J, § 3.08, eff. 9-17-2004; Ord. No. 175CC, § 2, eff. 1-16-2011)

State law reference—Instruction in craft or fine art considered a home occupation, MCL 125.3204.

Sec. 42-303. Fences, walls, and landscape buffers.

(a) *Fences, residential districts.*

- (1) Fencing which is essentially open (e.g., wrought iron, chain link, split rail, or picket fence) may be up to 48 inches in height in the front yard.
- (2) Stockade fence and masonry walls shall be limited to three feet in height in the front yard.
- (3) Fences may be up to six feet in height behind the required front setback line of the main building.



(b) *Fences, generally.*

- (1) No solid fence, wall or planting screen greater than 30 inches in height as measured from grade, shall be located within a triangular section of land formed by two 15-foot perpendicular lines intersecting at the driveway and street pavement point and a connecting line.
- (2) All fences erected by individual property owners must be located on his property.
- (3) No electrically charged fences are permitted.

- (4) In commercial or industrial districts, a wall, fence or yard enclosure may be up to eight feet in height behind the required front setback line.
 - (5) No person shall place, string or maintain barbed wire as part of any fence, other work or structure in any zoning district unless approved by the planning commission as part of a special land use.
 - (6) No fence or wall shall be erected which constitutes a fire hazard either of itself or in connection with the existing structures in the vicinity, nor which will interfere with access by the fire department.
 - (7) It is unlawful to construct any private fence or barrier within a public right-of-way.
 - (8) All fences shall be maintained in a good condition so that they do not result in an unreasonable hazard to persons who might come near them. Failure to maintain the fence shall be considered a violation of this chapter.
 - (9) Fences constructed of wood or other material having one side designed and considered the decorative side shall be erected with that side facing the adjoining street or abutting property owner's premises.
- (Ord. No. 175J, § 3.09, eff. 9-17-2004)

Sec. 42-304. Lighting.

- (a) Lighting provided for security or visibility on any site shall be shielded to reduce glare and shall be so arranged and maintained as to direct the light away from any residential district or use lot.
- (b) Light fixtures shall be no higher than 30 feet and shall be provided with light cut-off fixtures that direct light downward.
- (c) For parking lots serving a single building or groups of related commercial, industrial, or office buildings in excess of 500 spaces the planning commission may permit a higher light fixture in selected locations within the parking lot where existing or planned residential areas will not be affected.

- (d) Lighting attached to buildings or other structures shall not permit light to be directed horizontally.
- (Ord. No. 175J, § 3.10, eff. 9-17-2004)

Sec. 42-305. Private swimming pools.

- (a) Every person owning land on which there is located a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or similar device (below ground or above ground) which contains 24 inches or more of water in depth at any point, shall ensure that such device is made inaccessible to small children by means of a fence or enclosure surrounding the device or due to the height of the side walls, as approved by the zoning administrator. These side walls, fences or enclosures, including the gates, shall not be less than four feet or greater than six feet above grade. All gates shall be self-latching with latches placed no less than four feet above grade or otherwise made inaccessible from the outside to small children.

- (b) Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and similar devices shall not be located less than ten feet from any lot line.

- (c) Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and similar devices shall not be located in any front yard.

- (d) No pool, spa, hot tub, or similar device regulated by this section shall be constructed, installed, enlarged, or altered until a permit has been obtained from the zoning administrator.

- (e) No lights shall be erected, operated or maintained in connection with a swimming pool or hot tub in such a manner as to create an annoyance to surrounding properties.
- (Ord. No. 175J, § 3.11, eff. 9-17-2004)

Sec. 42-306. Nonconforming uses, structures, and lots.

- (a) *General provisions.*

- (1) Any lot, use of land, or structure which has been established in violation of the provisions of a previous zoning ordinance having jurisdiction at the time the use of land or structure was established, and any lot, use of land, or structure which has been lawfully established under a previous zoning ordinance and subse-