



Permit Number: _____

City of Carmel-Fence Permit Application

Department of Community Service
Building and Code Services
One Civic Square, Carmel IN 46032
Phone: 317-571-2444

DATE: _____ Job Address: _____

Property Owner Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contractor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Residential ☐ Commercial ☐ Construction ☐ Interior Lot: ☐ Corner Lot: ☐

(6' maximum rear yard. 42" maximum front yard. See definition of front yard.)

Type, Height, and lineal feet of material to be used:

Type: Wood ☐ Vinyl ☐ Ornamental/Steel ☐ Wire ☐ Masonry ☐ Other ☐

Height: _____

Please submit (2) sets of drawings and date required to assure compliance with the provisions of the zoning code. Drawings must include a site plan drawing to scale showing:

- Lot lines and dimensions of the lot
- Location of all structures on the property (house/garage/shed, etc.)
- Exact location and height of the fence.

Show all structures on the lot; boundary lines on the lot; right of way of any street abutting the lot; distance from the fence or structure on the property abutting the lot. Show the distances, if any, between fence and property lines at the side and rear of the site plan

By signing the application the applicant is authorizing City Staff permission to make site inspections as necessary. The undersigned affirms that the information included in this application is correct. Further if the request is approved, the applicant will comply with all the requirements of the City of Carmel Zoning Ordinance and certifies that the measures proposed to mitigate adverse impacted will be completed in a timely fashion.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ ☐ \$50 Fee Enclosed with Site Plan for project

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee: ☐ \$50.00

Zoning District _____

Notes _____

Fence: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Some zoning districts have additional fence regulations.

Among these are:

- ☐ M-3/Manufacturing District: Section 20D.08
- ☐ C-1/City Center District: Section 20E.08
- ☐ C-2/Old Town District: Section 20F.06
- ☐ OM/Old Meridian District: Section 20G
- ☐ Old Town Overlay & Subareas: Section 23D
- ☐ Pool fence: Section 25.01.01.C.8(b)

Definitions

FENCE. A freestanding device made of metal, masonry, composition or wood, or any combination thereof, resting on or partially buried in the ground, rising above ground level and used for confinement, screening protection or partition purposes, but does not include a pool cover.

FENCE, STOCKADE. A fence constructed of vertical wood strips, with no intervening spaces, providing a complete visual barrier.

Zoning Requirements

25.02 Fences.

25.02.01 Permit Required: An Improvement Location Permit shall be obtained prior to installation of any new fence, except when the fence or wall will be used for exempted uses on lots or tracts larger than three (3) acres.

25.02.02 Fences in Front Yards. The following shall apply to all residentially zoned lots or tracts, except those larger than three (3) acres:

A. **Maximum Height:** Fences located within any required Front Yard shall not exceed forty-two (42) inches in height.

B. **Fence Type:** Fences located in Front Yards are not intended for privacy. At least twenty-five percent (25%) of its area shall be open to allow visibility through the fence. Such open spaces must be reasonably dispersed throughout the entire area of the fence, except where solid stone or brick walls are permitted. Examples include wrought iron or picket fences.

C. **Front Setback:** Fences and walls may be constructed on the Front Lot Line but must be set back at least one foot from any sidewalk or multi-use path.

D. **Corner Lots:** The requirements of this section shall apply to yards along both streets.

E. **Collector, Parkway or Arterial Streets:** In the case of double frontage lots, where the property line behind a residence abuts a Collector, Parkway or Arterial street, a fence or wall may exceed forty-two (42) inches in height, up to six (6) feet in height, if set back at least six (6) feet from the property line, and is accompanied by plantings equivalent to a Bufferyard A.

F. **Subdivision Fences & Walls:** No primarily wooden fences or walls shall be constructed within any required front yard adjacent to any arterial, parkway or collector roadway (*see also Subdivision Control Ordinance Section, 6.03.27*),

25.02.03 Fences in Side and/or Rear Yards: Residential fences located within any required side or rear yard shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, as measured from the topmost point thereof to the ground adjacent to the fence.

25.02.04 Fences in other locations:

A. Residential fences not located within any required yard but within the buildable area shall not exceed nine (9) feet in height.

B. No fence shall be constructed within the twenty-foot (20') mandatory planting strip associated with frontage places and hammerheads.

25.02.05 Height Measurement: Fences shall be measured from its topmost point to the ground adjacent to the fence. The height of any fence placed upon an erected earth berm or masonry wall shall be measured from the ground adjacent to said earth berm or wall.

25.02.06 Athletic Facilities: Open wire mesh fences surrounding tennis courts or similar athletic facilities may be erected up to a height of sixteen (16) feet, if such fences shall only enclose a regulation court or field area. Wire mesh fences shall be black unless otherwise approved by the Director.

25.02.07 Institutions, Parks, Schools: Except as provided in Section 25.02.02, fences enclosing an institution, a public park and schools may consist of a black open mesh fence not to exceed a height of ten (10) feet unless otherwise approved by the Director.

25.02.08 Commercial and Industrial: Fences enclosing commercial and industrial uses shall not exceed six (6) feet in height in a required front yard and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in a required side or rear yard. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission as part of an ADLS, fences in a required front yard shall have at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its area open to allow visibility through the fence.

25.02.09 Vision Clearance: No fence, wall or other obstruction to vision shall exist in the area designated as the vision clearance area of corner lots.

25.02.10 Swimming Pools. In districts where a private swimming pool is permitted as an Accessory Use, the fencing for such pool must comply with both this *Section 25.02* and the standards applicable in the district.

25.02.11 Maintenance: It shall be the responsibility of the owners to ensure proper maintenance of fences in accordance with the standards set by this sub-section. This includes the repair, removal and timely replacement of missing, damaged or dilapidated materials.