

Town of Washington Park Fence Ordinance

Section 6.2 Fences and Walls

1. Fences and walls shall comply with the following:
 - a. No fence or wall shall be placed or retained in such a manner as to obstruct vision at any public or private street intersection or road. No fence or wall shall alter or impede the natural flow of water in any stream, creek, drainage swale, or ditch. No fence or wall shall block access from doors or windows.
 - b. The side of any fence or wall facing a property line shall be no less finished (having a look of completion of construction and/or better appearing side) than the side of the fence or wall facing the interior of the property.
 - c. All Fences and wall shall be maintained in a condition that precludes a hazard or endangers any person, animal, or property.
2. The following types of fences are prohibited:
 - a. Those fences constructed of barbed, concertina or razor wire, wire mesh, chicken wire
 - b. Chain link fences are prohibited forward of the building line on a lot, but are allowed in the rear of the property.
 - c. Those fences constructed in whole or in part of readily flammable material such as paper, cloth, or canvas.
3. No opaque fence or wall shall exceed a height of seven feet (7') in any residential district nor eight feet (8') in any commercial district. No opaque fence or wall shall exceed a height of four feet (4') forward of the building line on a lot and shall have no less than 50% opacity except as described in Subsection 3(a).
 - a. Within the town, but where the home fronts River Road, no wall or fence (solid or open) shall exceed seven feet six inches (7'6") in height within a front yard or six feet (6') in height within a side or rear yard.
 - b. Solid fence styles exceeding 50% opacity may be approved by the Town prior to a permit being issued.
 - c. Fences and walls may project into or may enclose any front yard; however, no fence may be constructed on or in a public street right-of-way, or within ten feet (10') of the curb of River Road.
 - d. Permits for fences over four feet (4') may be issued to homeowners if the primary dwelling is within sixty feet (60') or less of the curb of River Road.
 - e. Landscaping in front of fences may be required and must be approved prior to the issuing of a fence permit. Subsequent care for landscaping must be maintained by the homeowner to preserve sight lines and access.
 - f. Fence and wall height limitations shall not apply to utility facilities
4. Prior to the installation of a fence or wall, the applicant shall obtain a fence permit from the Town Clerk in order to ensure proper location, setbacks, height, sight clearance, etc.

Adopted October 2, 2017

Town of Washington Park, NC

APPLICATION FOR A FENCE PERMIT

I. Applicant Information

Name of Property Owner _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

Name of Fence Contractor _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

II. Fence Information

Property Use: ☐ Residence ☐ Business ☐ ☐ Other _____

Fence Height _____ ft.

Fence Type: ☐ Chain Link ☐ Picket ☐ Privacy (wood/vinyl) ☐ Split Rail
☐ Pool Fence ☐ Other _____

Will this fencing add to or replace an existing fence? yes _____ no _____

Is this fence to be erected on a corner lot property? yes _____ no _____

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE PLOT PLAN SHOWING PLACEMENT OF PROPOSED FENCE IN RELATIONSHIP TO PROPERTY LINE(S) AND BUILDING(S).

III. Applicant Certification

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND ATTACHMENTS ARE ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PROVIDING INNACURATE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION OR ATTACHMENTS MAY INVALIDATE THE APPLICATION OR SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED PERMIT.

Signature of Applicant Date

For Office Use Only

PERMIT NUMBER _____

DATE APPROVED _____

DATE FEE PAID _____

CHECK # _____

BY _____ TITLE _____

What paperwork is required to apply for a fence permit?

- 1) A fence permit application, which can be obtained from the Town Clerk (252) 946-3157.
- 2) A simple plot plan, drawn to scale, showing the proposed fence location in relationship to property lines, streets, buildings and structures located on the property. A sample plot plan is illustrated below.

What are the location and height requirements for fences? Fences can be erected anywhere on a property, as long as they don't encroach onto neighboring properties. Fences erected in front yards can be up to four feet (4') in height - fences erected in side and rear yards can be up to seven feet (7') in height. There are special height restrictions for some corner lot properties (refer these questions to the Town Clerk).

Which side of my fence faces my neighbors? The side of a fence or wall facing a property line shall be no less finished (having the look of completion of construction and/or better appearing side) than the side of the fence or wall facing the interior of the property.

How do I get a simple plot plan of my property? The property owner may have received a mortgage survey or similar plan when the house was purchased. The fence location can be drawn on a photocopy of this plan. A print out of your lot may also be obtained from the Beaufort County Government GIS, tax website.

I don't know where my or my neighbor's property lines are located; can the Town visit my property and find them? No, sorry, only a commercial registered surveyor can physically locate property lines.

What is the fee for a fence permit? There is a fee of \$10.00

How long does it take for approval? If the application is complete and accurate, Town staff can usually have the application approved within 1-2 working days.

What about fences for pools? There are specific requirements in the state building code for fencing surrounding pools. Please see the City of Washington Building Inspector to ensure compliance.

Sample Fence Site Plan

