

Instructions for Obtaining Zoning Approval for a Fence

Submit a copy of your plot survey to the Borough. The plot survey will serve as your zoning approval once approved.

There is no cost for this zoning approval. (No construction permit is required only zoning approval.)

Please put attention Zoning/Fence.

You can email it to d.ingves@audubonnj.com, come in to the office during office hours or drop off in the secure lock box on the wall in the vestibule at Borough Hall.

Please highlight on the survey exactly where you are placing the fence.

Please indicate the height and style of each section of the fence.

Please note if your property is a corner property or an interior lot.

Please make sure your name, phone number and email are on the survey for easy contact information.

Fence Ordinance Attached.

Rear yard (Behind House/Structure) 6 ft max height – can be privacy fence

Side yard (Beside House/Structure) 4 ft max height – can be privacy fence

Front yard (In front of House/Structure) 4 ft max height – CANNOT BE PRIVACY – Must be 50%, which means 1"slat/1"opening, 2"slat/2"opening, 3"slat, 3"opening etc. (We usually require a picture of the fence for the front yard with the specs.)

Sec. 113-442. - Fences.

- (a) For purposes of this section, the term "solid fencing" means any fence that is more than fifty percent (50%) solid. A solid fence is also a fence or barrier arrangement in which the portion that can be seen through from one (1) side to the other when viewed perpendicularly is fifty percent (50%) or less.
- (b) No fence shall exceed six (6) feet in height above the adjacent ground level.
- (c) No fence shall be erected along the side lines of a property from the rear house line forward in excess of four (4) feet in height above the adjacent ground level.
- (d) No fence shall be erected from the front house line forward that is a solid fence. This includes fences erected along a public right-of-way or across a front yard.
- (e) All fences shall be constructed with the finished side out and the structural side toward the interior.
- (f) Fences which are painted shall be painted in only one (1) color. All fences shall consist of one (1) color harmonious with the surrounding area. Multicolored fences are prohibited.
- (g) Every fence shall be maintained in a safe, sound, upright condition and in accordance with the approved plan on file with the building inspector.
- (h) The following fences and materials are strictly prohibited: barbed wire fences; short, pointed fences; canvas, cloth and electrically charged fences; poultry netting; and temporary fences, such as snow fences, expandable fences and collapsible fences.
- (i) All fences must be erected within the property lines, and no fences shall encroach upon a public right-of-way or interfere with vehicular visibility or traffic on corner lots.
- (j) Any fence not erected along the property lines shall not be in excess of six (6) feet in height above the adjacent ground level, provided that all other sections of this chapter are complied with.
- (k) Any fence that is removed or destroyed after July 22, 1986, must be replaced according to the provisions in this section.
- (l) Prior to the tearing up, digging into, breaking up, displacing, or excavation of land in order to erect any fence, a zoning permit shall be obtained from the joint land use office.

(Code 1992, § 208-104; Ord. No. 455, 4-10-1979; Ord. No. 573, 7-22-1986; Ord. No. 975-2010, § 208-106, 9-21-2010)