



**Chapter 1396**  
**Fences**

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1396.01 PERMITS REQUIRED

- a. No person shall commence to erect, enlarge, or move any fence within the Village or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a fence permit from the Building & Zoning Department.
- b. To obtain a permit, the applicant shall first file an application in writing on a form furnished for that purpose. Each application shall include a plot plan showing the proposed fence location, the location of all existing structures, and a drawing elevation of the fence including all dimensions.
- c. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be charged for permits required by this chapter.

1396.02 DEFINITIONS

“Corner and Double Frontage (through lot) Lots” means, for the purpose of enforcement of this ordinance, each yard of a lot abutting upon a street shall be considered a front yard.

“Fence/Wall” means a structure of wood, metal, masonry, or materials used for post and boards, wire, pickets, rail, or other materials used as an enclosure to screen a yard or lot or used as an enclosure for, or to make the boundary of a yard or lot or any part thereof.

“Hedge” means a row of shrubs or trees used as an enclosure for, or to mark the boundary of, or to screen a yard or lot of enclosure for, or to make the boundary of, or to screen a yard or lot or any part thereof.

“Ornamental Feature” means a structure or any part of a structure of wood, metal, masonry, or other material used to ornament any part of a yard area.

“Snow Fence” means any temporary fence used to control the drifting of snow.

1396.03 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. No fence shall be erected nearer to the right-of-way than the required building setback line, as indicated in Section 504.01. It may be permissible to erect no more than two sets of eight foot (8’) length decorative fence sections in front of the building setback line provided they are not nearer than five feet (5’) to the right-of-way of any street and do not exceed thirty-six inches (36”) in height. Decorative fences shall not be of solid construction such as stockade, basket weave, or chain link.
- b. No fence over forty-two inches (42”) in height shall be located in a front yard beyond the front of the structure.
- c. The maximum height of a fence in a residential or rural district shall be eight (8) feet and the maximum height of a fence in a commercial district shall be ten (10) feet.
- d. Fences or walls supported by posts on the side of the fence or wall shall be erected so that exposed posts and supporting cross elements shall face the property initiating the request or on which the fence will be constructed.

1. This section shall not apply if the fence is the same on both sides such as split rail or board on board.

e. Temporary snow fences forty-eight inches (48") or less in height may be erected during the months of December through March each year in a location approved by the Building Official. Such fences are to be used only to control the drifting of snow on walks, driveways, streets, or alleys.

f. Solid fences shall not block drainage swales.

#### 1396.04 BARBED WIRE FENCE

a. No person shall cause a fence containing barbs to be erected, constructed, or maintained within the Village of Groveport except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) hereof.

b. Fences containing barbs may be erected to enclose areas used to contain domestic livestock or to secure industrial properties by securing a permit from the Building Official. The Building Official shall grant a permit for barbed wire fence only after determining that, considering the nature and location of the proposed fence, the safety of persons within the Village will not be endangered.

c. When barbed wire fences enclose and secure industrial areas, the entire barbed section shall be at least seven feet (7') above the surface of the ground.

#### 1396.05 ELECTRICALLY-CHARGED FENCES

a. No person shall erect, construct, maintain, or use any fence charged with electrical current within the Village except as provided in subsection (b) hereof.

b. Fences charged with electricity may be erected to contain domestic livestock by securing a permit from the Building Official. The Building Official shall grant a permit for an electrically-charged fence only after determining that, considering the nature and location of the proposed fence, the safety of persons within the Village will not be endangered.

#### 1396.06 PENALTY

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.