

**City of Farmington Hills, Zoning Division**  
**31555 W. Eleven Mile Road**  
**Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1165**  
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Fee: \$100.00  
**RESIDENTIAL FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION**

Parcel Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fence Co. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a corner lot? \_\_\_\_\_ Will the fence be in the front yard? \_\_\_\_\_

Will the fence be used to enclose a pool \_\_\_\_\_? If yes, contact the Building Division, 248-871-2450, for a final inspection. **If a fence surrounding a pool is not inspected, owner could be subject to legal action.** Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Type of fence (chain link, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Height \* \_\_\_\_\_

Fences shall not contain barbed wire, razor wire, electric current, or charge of electricity.

Will this fence enclose a public or institutional park, playground, or public landscaped area situated within an area developed with recorded lots? \_\_\_\_\_

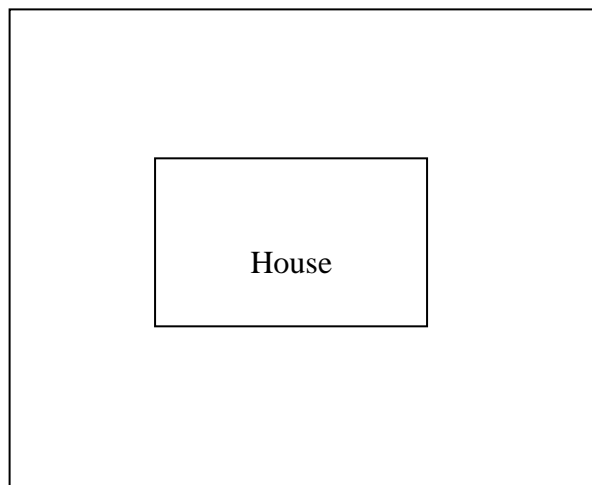
In the following square, please indicate location and height of proposed fence, and any existing fence.

Note:

Please label streets and alleys.

The property line is not the same thing as the edge of the street.

There is usually a grassy right-of-way abutting the street and Corner clearance restrictions (Sec. 34-5.10) must be observed.



**Be Advised Homeowners Association permission may be required in addition to City approval.**

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Height is measured from grade to the top of the highest post or finial.

For Office Use:

FINAL APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sec. 34-5.12 Fences.**

1. RESIDENTIAL FENCES shall be permitted in the RA and RP Districts subject to the requirements applicable to accessory structures and to the following:
  - A. A permit shall be required prior to the construction of any fence over three (3) feet in height and over sixteen (16) feet in total length.
  - B. Residential fences may be located along a property line if the other provisions of this section are met.
  - C. The following requirements shall be applicable to fences on zoning lots having a lot area of less than two (2) acres and street frontage of less than two hundred (200) feet:
    - i. Fences in all RA and RP district which enclose property or are within a required side or rear yard shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the house or the required minimum front yard, whichever results in the greater setback.
    - ii. Fences not to exceed three (3) feet in height shall be permitted within a required front yard setback or an exterior yard setback; provided, however, that section 34-5.10 is adhered to.
    - iii. Fences shall not contain barbed wire, razor wire, electric current, or charge of electricity.
    - iv. Fence-like structures, such as those used for backstops or tennis courts, are excluded from the regulations of this section.
  - D. Fences in RA and RP Districts on zoning lots that contain two (2) acres or more shall be subject to the requirements applicable to accessory structures as well as the following:
    - i. Fences not to exceed eight (8) feet in height may be located within any yard except the minimum front yard setback or the minimum setback of a yard abutting a street. Greater setbacks applicable because of formulae based on buildings or parcel size shall not be considered as minimum setbacks.
    - ii. Fences shall not contain barbed wire or razor wire.
    - iii. Fences which enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or public landscaped areas, situated within an area developed with recorded lots, shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not obstruct vision to the extent greater than twenty-five (25) percent of their total area.
2. Fences located in all other districts shall be subject to the following conditions:
  - A. A permit shall be required prior to the construction of any fence, regardless of size.
  - B. Fences, not to exceed eight (8) feet in height, may be located within any yard except the minimum front yard setback or the minimum setback of a yard abutting a street. Greater setbacks applicable because of formulae based on buildings or parcel size shall not be considered as minimum setbacks.
  - C. Fences shall not contain barbed wire or razor wire.

**Sec. 34-5.10. Corner Clearance.**

No fence, wall, shrubbery, sign or other obstruction to vision above a height of thirty (30) inches from the top of curb at street level shall be permitted within the triangular area formed at the intersection of any existing or proposed street right-of-way lines by a straight line drawn between such right-of-way lines at a distance along each line of twenty-five (25) feet from their point of intersection.