



MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP

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FENCE PERMIT GUIDELINES

These are guidelines and requirements for erecting a fence in Middle Smithfield Township as regulated by Township Zoning Ordinance section 044-080(2).

- You must apply for and obtain a Zoning Permit for a Fence
- Maximum height anywhere other than the required front yard* shall be six (6) feet.
*Front Yard is generally defined as the first 40 feet from any road.
- Maximum height in required front yard* shall be five (5) feet and shall be an open-type of fence (such as picket, wrought iron, chain link or split rail) with a minimum ratio of 1:1 of open to structural areas.
- A corner lot (frontage on two or more streets) will be considered to have two front yards*. (Chapter 200 Zoning, §130-060G)
- Fences shall not be built within an existing street right-of-way.
- Where no setback is required, a one-foot-or-greater setback is recommended to provide for future maintenance of the fence and to account for possible inaccurate lot lines.

All sections of the application must be completed.

#4 – Property Identification Number – this is a 16 digit number assigned to your parcel by Monroe County and begins with 0973. Our office can provide this number if you do not have it.

#7 – Type of Fence – please provide details including type of fence/materials and height.

#13 – Deed and/or HOA restrictions/easements – If you live in a planned residential community and they require a permit separate from the one issued by the Township OR if your deed has a restriction or easement then the answer to this question is yes. Provide the name of the community or the specifics of the restriction/easement.