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# **POLICY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FENCES IN DRAINAGE EASEMENTS**

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**For Drainage Easements with open ditches or swales, no fence shall be placed perpendicular to the easement to where the fence crosses the swale or ditch. This will help mitigate of creating a “dam effect “on the neighboring properties. The only exception to this shall be if the drainage easement is at the top of the drainage, so that if the fence were to block drainage it would only block water on the property in which the encroachment is granted. This does not apply to side yard easements which are platted for the for the purpose of carrying overflow from street drains and are discussed below. In the limited situations in which an allowable fence is desired to be installed a drainage encroachment agreement **MUST** be approved by the Building Inspector prior to installation.**

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