Authority: Section 23a of State Construction Code Act of 1972 Act No 230. Violators of Section 23a are subject to civil fines
Completion: Installation Shall Not Be Started Until Permit is Issued
PENALTY: Written Order to Stop Construction/Court Citation

Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 N. Haggerty RD
Plymouth, MI 48170
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Building & Inspection Services
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Fence Permit Application

Schedule Inspections:
www.plymouthtwp.org

A. LOCATION OF FENCE

Address _____ Lot # _____

Subdivision

B. OWNER OR LESSEE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No _____ **Cell Phone No** _____

Email Address

C. FENCE CONTRACTOR

Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No _____ **Cell Phone No** _____

Email Address

D. FENCE DETAILS (check all that apply)

Corner lot	☐	Interior lot	☐	New	☐	Relocate	☐	Repair	☐
Security	☐	Decorative	☐	Privacy	☐	Dog Run	☐	Pool	☐
Rear yard	☐	Side yard	☐	Front yard	☐				

Fence height **Type of material** **Cost of fence**

E. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEED RESTRICTIONS & BYLAWS

There may be Deed Restrictions on the property not permitting this project. Please Check the Title for its Deed Restrictions and Covenants. Sec.30.2 Enforcement of Subidivion or Deed Restrictions states: the Township shall not be responsible for review and enforcement of subdivision deed restrictions as part of this process for review, however we want to make sure you have inquired with the Homeowner's Assocation if approval is needed? Circle one No Yes Initial

F. Applicant Signature

_____ **Date** _____

Print Name:

G. BUILDING DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

All fees are to be paid in full which includes a $30.00 application fee

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additional pool fence requirements see Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances Chapter 29, Swimming Pools.

(e) Tennis Courts, accessory to an individual single family dwelling shall be permitted as an accessory use, subject to the following:

1) The tennis court and its perimeter fence shall be located a minimum of thirty five (35) feet from any side or rear lot line and shall comply with the minimum front yard setback of the zoning district, as specified in Article 20, Schedule of Regulations.

2) If tennis court perimeter fencing is provided, it shall not exceed four (4) feet in height. Lifts or similar devices may be permitted at each of the two (2) ends of the tennis court. These lifts may raise retractable fencing to no greater than ten (10) feet in height, and may only be extended only when the court is being used.

3) Lighting shall be concealed source, shielded and focused so as to not glare off site and shall not exceed twelve (12) feet in height.

4) Administrative site plan approval shall be required, as provided by Section 29.4. The site plan shall contain sufficient detail to determine compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

5) Landscape screening shall be provided to effectively form a visual and physical separation between the tennis court and adjacent residential uses, and to buffer the noise created. A planting plan, including size, species, location and spacing of plant materials shall be submitted with the site plan for approval.

6) Letters shall be submitted from all abutting property owners stating that they have no objection to the use

(f) Fences. In all Single Family Residential Districts it shall be unlawful for any person to build, repair or relocate a fence without first having secured a Building and/or Zoning Compliance permit from the Department of Building and Code Enforcement. In all Single Family Residential Districts the following shall apply in regards to fencing: **The following language was amended on 04/09/19:**

1) Protective or Security Fencing: Protective or security fencing shall be considered a structure enclosing a piece of land or separating contiguous lands either in whole or in part serving the purpose of preventing intrusion onto or across a lot of record or any parcel or tract of unplatted land from without or straying from within. The following shall govern the height, location and placement of protective or security fencing:

a) Maximum Height: The maximum height of a protective or security fence shall be six (6) feet, unless otherwise provided for in this Article, or required by the Planning Commission as part of special land use and/or site plan approval.

b) Material: Fences shall not be constructed of old or used material unless such material shall be reasonably sound in the judgment of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement. Fences shall not be made of or contain barbed wire, electric current or charges of electricity or sharp or pointed projections of any kind; provided if such fence is constructed of pickets, the pickets shall be made of not less than one (1) inch by three (3) inch material and shall have an angle at the top of not less than ninety (90) degrees. The fence shall comply with the requirements of applicable requirements of the State Construction Code enforced by the Township. Chain link fencing, as defined in this Ordinance as a type of woven fence typically constructed from galvanized or coated steel wire (and may also be referred to as chain-wire fence, cyclone fence, or hurricane fence) shall only be permitted at four (4) feet in height and shall not contain plastic or other types of strips intertwined or otherwise attached to the fence.

c) Placement:

1. Interior Lots: Fencing may be placed along the lot lines, provided no six (6) foot in height fence shall be built closer to the street than the established midpoint of the principal building line closest to the street on the fenced premise[1]. In the case of two different midpoints on a building, the midpoint furthest setback from the street shall control. All fencing closer to the street than the established midpoint line of the principal building shall be a maximum of four (4) feet in height but in no case shall extend beyond the front building line.

   a. Exception: Where a lot backs or sides to a major thoroughfare with an ultimate right-of-way of one hundred twenty (120) feet.

      The fence may be located within three (3) feet of the street setback line for the major thoroughfare without regards to the established building line for the thoroughfare provided that some form of landscaping is provided between the fence and the proposed sidewalk area and that said location shall

[1] *No fence shall be built closer to the street than the front setback line applicable to the premises pursuant to the Article 20, Schedule of Regulations.*

not constitute a safety hazard for pedestrian and/or motor vehicles and their passengers.

b. Exception: A six (6) foot in height fence may extend beyond the midpoint to permit side entry doors and the like to be enclosed, by the reasonably sound judgment of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement.

2. Corner Lots: One street frontage shall be identified as the front yard. In said case the standards established under Section 1) Interior Lots shall apply. The designated side yard shall be handled in the following manner. The fence may run along the rear property line to a point not nearer than twenty (20) feet from the side street corner of the property. The fence may then run on an angle not less than forty-five (45) degrees to a point which intersects a line located three (3) feet inside the side property line. When a visual obstruction is not present, the forty-five (45) degree angle standard may be waived, as determined by the reasonably sound judgement of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement. The fence may then proceed along said line to a point intersecting the rear building line extension of the residence. In all cases the type of fencing and landscaping proposed shall be treated in a manner which will not result in a safety hazard for pedestrian and/or motor vehicles and their passengers.

2) Decorative Fencing: A structure intended primarily for ornamental purpose. A decorative fence shall be any fence which by definition is not to be considered a pool fence, tennis court fence, protective or security fence or a privacy screen fence.

a) Maximum Height: The maximum height of a decorative fence shall be four (4) feet.

b) Material: Chain link fencing shall not be considered decorative fencing for the purpose of this Section of the Ordinance.

c) Placement: Decorative fencing so located as to result in a safety hazard to pedestrians and/or motor vehicles and passengers shall not be permitted and said fencing shall be removed within thirty (30) days of such determination and notification by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement. No decorative fencing shall be located nearer than two (2) feet from a street right-of-way line.

3) Privacy Screen Fence: A structure intended to form a visual screen or windbreak for a patio or outdoor living area located in the rear yard only.

   a) Maximum Height: The maximum height of a privacy screen fence shall be six (6) feet.

   b) Material: Fences shall not be constructed of old or used material unless such material shall be reasonably sound in the judgment of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement. Fences shall not be made of or contain barbed wire, electric current or charges of electricity or sharp or pointed projections of any kind; provided if such fence is constructed of pickets, the pickets shall be made of not less than one (1) inch by three (3) inch material and shall have an angle at the top of not less than ninety (90) degrees. The fence shall comply with the requirements of the applicable requirements of the State Construction Code enforced by the Township. Cyclone fencing or cyclone fencing with plastic or other types of strips intertwined or otherwise attached to the fence shall be prohibited.

   c) Placement: Said structure shall be located within the rear yard only and shall not be located nearer than twenty (20) feet to the rear property line, nor shall said fencing extend beyond the extension of the side building line of the residence.

4) Dog Runs and Outdoor Service Areas Fences: A structure intended to contain an animal permitted within a single family area or to screen an outdoor service area.

   a) Maximum Height: Maximum height shall be four (4) feet in side yards and six (6) feet in rear yards.

   b) Maximum Enclosure: Three hundred (300) square feet.

   c) Material: Fences shall not be constructed of old or used material unless such material shall be reasonably sound in the judgment of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement. Fences shall not be made of or contain barbed wire, electric current or charges of electricity or sharp or pointed projections of any kind; provided such fence is constructed of pickets, the pickets shall be made of not less than one (1) inch by three (3) inch material and shall have an angle at the top of not less than 90 degrees. The fence shall comply with the requirements of the building code. Cyclone fencing with plastic or other types of strips intertwined in the fencing shall be prohibited.

SEC. 6.4 DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

d) Placement: Side or rear yard provided that said run shall be screened appropriately from any public right-of-way or adjacent property and shall not be closer than eight (8) feet to a side property line or ten (10) feet from a rear yard line.

5) Pool Fence: See Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances Chapter 29, Swimming Pools.

6) The following provisions shall apply to all fences:

(a) Fence Maintenance.
Fences shall be maintained in good condition. Rotten or broken components shall be replaced, repaired, or removed. If a fence is determined to be in need of repair by reasonably sound judgement of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement, orders to complete such repairs may be issued.

(b) Clear Vision.
Fences shall be designed to provide unobstructed sight distances and shall comply with Section 28.25, Corner Visibility and Clear Vision Zones. Further, all fences must be setback a minimum of one (1) foot from the nearest edge of any sidewalk.

(c) Appeal of a Decision.
An applicant may appeal a decision of the Department of Building and Code Enforcement concerning a proposed fence to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

(d) Appearance.
All fences shall present a finished appearance to view from off site. If, because of design or construction, one side of a fence has a more finished appearance than the other, the side of the fence with the more finished appearance shall face the exterior of the lot. High quality fences, in neutral colors, that are consistent with the surrounding neighborhood design, are encouraged.

(g) Sidewalks shall be provided as required by Section 28.16 of this Ordinance.

(h) Underground utilities shall be provided as required under Section 28.10.