

## **SECTION 4.18 FENCES.** Z-48

### **(a) General Requirements.**

- (1) No fence shall be constructed, erected or installed on any lands in the Township unless a permit therefore has first been obtained from the Zoning Inspector.
- (2) No fence, hedge, or other landscaping shall be erected, constructed, located or maintained in any zoning district which constitutes a traffic hazard because of obstruction of visibility or any other reason.
- (3) No fence shall contain barbed wire unless the fence is used as a part of a farming operation.
- (4) A fence used in connection with the keeping of horses shall be constructed or erected as a split rail fence, a three-board fence, or an electric wire fence.
- (5) Every electric wire fence, whether or not used in connection with the keeping of horses, shall be labeled as an electric fence at intervals of not less than once every one hundred (100) feet.

**(b) Height Limitations.** No fence in excess of six (6) feet in height shall be erected, constructed, located or maintained in any residential zoning district. In addition, no fence in excess of thirty-six (36) inches in height shall be erected, constructed, located or maintained in a required front yard in any residence zoning district or in the required front or rear yard of any waterfront lot in any residence zoning district, except that fences required for the keeping of horses pursuant to Section 4.10(b) shall be four (4) feet in height in the front yard, and shall be no less than four (4) feet in all other yards. The Zoning Inspector may, in his discretion, authorize fences of a height greater than six (6) feet or fences of a height greater than thirty-six (36) inches as a special use. In granting such authorization, the Zoning Inspector shall consider the following standards:

- (1) The effect upon the adjoining properties;
- (2) Whether it will effect the light and air circulation of any adjoining properties;
- (3) Whether it will adversely effect the view from any adjoining
- (4) The reason for the request to construct the fence higher than permitted by this ordinance;
- (5) The size, type and kind of construction, proposed location and general character of the fence; and
- (6) The size of other fences on properties that are adjoining and in the surrounding neighborhood.