



Village of Pewamo

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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

(Revised November 2024)

- APPLICATION FEE \$25.00
- A building permit from Ionia County is NOT required to install a fence.
- The applicant is to furnish all of the requested information.
- The applicant shall submit a site plan showing the property dimensions, location of all existing building and fences on the reverse side of this application, or on an attached sheet drawn to scale (Scale shall be: 1" = 20')

1. Date of Application: _____

2. Property Address: _____

3. Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____

4. Contractor: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

5. Property is (check one): Corner Lot: _____ Interior Lot: _____

6. Type of fence proposed: _____

7. Height of fence (as applicable): Front Yard: _____

Side Yard: _____

Rear Yard: _____

8. Property Owner's Signature: _____

Please see attached for explanation of Village of Pewamo Fence Requirements/Ordinance.

Village of Pewamo
FENCE Requirements-Fence Ordinance 153.080 Section W
(Revised November 2024)

FENCE. An artificially constructed barrier of wood, masonry, metal, or other manufactured material or combination of materials erected to enclose or separate areas.

- Fences must be installed on the property owner's property only. It is the homeowner's responsibility to determine the location of property lines and to verify that the fence being installed is within those property lines. The village does not intervene in property line disputes between adjacent homeowners or provide survey services.
- No fence shall be erected prior to the issuance of a zoning permit by the Zoning Administrator. The permit application shall describe the fence and include the height, length, location, and material.
- *Right-of-way.* Fences shall not be erected within or extend into a street right-of-way.
- Fence types can include, but are not limited to, chain link, picket stockade, wood slat, shadow box and wrought iron. Woven wire fences, such as poultry netting, field fences, cattle fences, and snow fences are not permitted. No fence shall be constructed of corrugated metal or corrugated plastic or similar materials, or include old doors, wood pallets, or other discarded material.
- No fence shall contain barbed wire, electric current, broken glass, sharp edges, or other dangerous elements.
- *Height.* A residential fence shall not exceed a height of six feet, measured from grade to the highest point of the fence. Fences must comply with visibility controls. Fence height includes any barbed or razor wire additions that may be allowed on commercial or industrial zoned parcels.
 - Height of fence shall be measured from the ground elevation prior to any filling, berming, or excavation.
- *Visibility.* No solid fence, hedge, tree, or other planted screen shall be erected or maintained within the clear vision triangle of two streets in such a way as to obstruct vision between the height of three feet and ten feet. Fences placed within the clear vision triangle shall comply with the requirements of this section.

Fences and walls in front yards (non-corner lots) of all districts shall not exceed three and one-half feet in height and shall be of non-solid construction, such as decorative fencing, which have openings of at least 50% in each square foot of fencing or wall.

- Solid walls and fences, and those of open construction, not exceeding six feet in height, are permitted in side and rear yards of all districts. However, they must begin 3' or more beyond the front corner of the house/structure; not flush with the front.
- The finished side, or most visibly attractive side of the fencing or wall, shall face the exterior property line. Fence posts shall be on the side of the fence facing the interior of the lot or parcel of land upon which the fence is constructed. Fences constructed of alternating boards on opposite sides of the supporting structure are considered as finished on both sides.
- Fences shall be maintained to retain their original appearance, shape, and configuration. Any fence that deteriorates due to a lack of repair or type of construction shall be deemed a nuisance and be repaired or removed. The village shall notify the owner of the property on which a fence is located and specify the time period in which required repairs shall be made or the fence removed at the owner's expense.

- Fences which enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or school yards shall be an open type not exceeding six feet in height except as required for recreational purposes such as baseball backstops or similar purposes.
- Safety fences for pools and hot tubs shall comply with all applicable codes including required height.
- Garden fences, the purpose of which are to keep wildlife out of personal garden spaces, will be allowed during the growing and harvest seasons
- Snow fences will be allowed during winter months to control snow blowing and accumulation of snow in driveways.

Front yards and corner lots. Fences placed in a front yard or in the side yard of a corner lot that abuts a street right-of-way shall be decorative in nature. Split rail and picket fences are examples of typical decorative fences. However, any fence that complies with the following requirements would be considered decorative:

- *Height.* Decorative fences shall not exceed a height of four feet, measured from grade to the highest point of the fence;
- *Surface.* Except as provided in division (g)2. of this section, decorative fences shall be no more than 50% solid, so as to ensure adequate visibility at the right-of-way or property line;
- *Orientation.* Decorative fences shall be installed with the structural members or framing directed inward toward the property; and
- *Material.* The use of wire fencing, including, but not limited to, so-called cyclone or chain link fencing, shall not be allowed on decorative fences.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved/Denied By: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

Application Fee Received:

Date: _____ Form of Payment: Check#: _____ Cash: _____