

FENCE REQUIREMENTS

Zoning Permit:

Zoning Permit shall be required as a condition prior to the erection of all fences or walls exceeding 48" in height pursuant to Secs. 17-14 and 17-85 of the Hopewell Township Ordinance respectively.

1. A prior approval from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection and/or Hopewell Township stream corridor permit will be required if proposed fence crosses a stream or will be in a flood plain.
2. All fences, walls or hedges must conform to the site line requirements (site triangles) of intersecting streets, or the intersection of a street and a driveway of Sec. 17-105 of the Hopewell Township Ordinances. Additionally, no fencing is permitted within conservation drainage, or other easement areas.
3. Tennis Courts must comply with Sec. 17-159 b, 3(c) of the Hopewell Township Ordinances.
4. Application:
 - (a) Applicant must fill out a Zoning Permit Application and Construction Permit Application, if applicable.
 - (b) Applicant must provide a scaled plot plan (or copy of survey) to illustrate proposed location of said fence. A description and illustration in plan form must accompany the survey to specify the design, construction, height, material and state purpose of said fence

Construction Permits:

1. A Building Permit is required in addition to the Zoning Permit if:
 - the proposed fence exceeds 72" in height (pursuant N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.14) **OR**
 - the proposed fence encloses any portion of a swimming pool

Regulations for pool enclosures; (Building Permit required):

- All pool enclosures, fences must be a minimum of 48" high
- Max mesh size for chain link fences shall be 1 3/4"
- Fences with vertical components shall not allow the passage of a (4") sphere.
- The bottom of the fence to grade shall not exceed 2 inches.
- Fences with horizontal members shall not be climbable and shall be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis after strict review, pursuant the 2015 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.
- All gates shall swing out away from the pool, shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. The height of the latching device shall be 54" above grade or the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side at least (3") below the

top of a gate that is at least (48") high and with the gate & barrier having no openings greater than ½" within 18" of the release mechanism.

2. An Electrical Permit Application is required for electrical fences and any fence mounted with electrical components.

Questions:

Zoning Official	609-737-0605 extension 6430
Building Subcode Official	609-737-0612 extension 6400
Electric Subcode Official	609-737-0612 extension 6580