

Beaver Borough Fence Ordinance Checklist

A fence permit is required before proceeding with the installation of a fence. A permit application can be acquired at the borough office. A property owner must complete the application, submit a copy of their property survey and receive an approved permit before the work begins.

§27-1402 Fences [Ord. 778, 5/8/2012, § 1]

1. Fences shall conform to the following conditions:

- ✓ No fence shall exceed a height of six feet.
- ✓ If the fence has only one good side then the good side must be facing outward.
- ✓ Fences can be erected in the side yard and backyard. No setbacks from the side and backyard property lines are required.
- ✓ A fence cannot be located in the front yard unless it is ornamental in design and less than thirty inches (30") in height.
- ✓ Fences must be held back at least twelve inches (12") from any sidewalk abutting a street.
- ✓ No fence shall obstruct or interfere with the visibility of vehicular traffic on the abutting streets or alleys, or with the visibility of vehicular traffic from a driveway on the owner's lot or any adjacent lot.
- ✓ To prevent the creation of a traffic hazard by impairing the view at a street intersection, a clear sight triangle shall be maintained. Such triangle shall consist of the center lines of the intersecting streets or alleys and a line joining points on such center lines 75 feet in each direction from their point of intersection. Within this triangular area no fence shall exceed a height of 3 1/2 feet above the surface of the intersection.

§27-202 Meaning of the Term Fence

An artificially constructed barrier of any material or combination of material erected to enclose, screen or separate areas, excluding barbed, electrified or razor wire fencing.

§27-202 Meaning of the Term Ornamental Fence

A designed open or solid fence that contributes to the identification and appearance of the principal use, does not act as a retaining structure and is made of material that is not typically utilized in security structures such as chain link fencing.

§27-1905. Penalty for Violation

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate this provision shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500 plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Borough as a result thereof. Each day a violation is continued shall be deemed a separate offense.

*Please note that no setbacks from the side and backyard property lines are required for erecting a fence. However to maintain goodwill and avoid misunderstandings the Borough strongly recommends that property owners inform their neighbor before installing a fence on the property line.

If you have questions please contact the Borough's Code Enforcement Officers.