FACT SHEET

Effective July 21, 2017

Is a zoning permit required for a fence/wall?
Yes, a zoning permit is required for all fences and walls erected in Howland Township.

What are the restrictions on fences?
- Fences in the rear and side yards cannot exceed six (6) feet in height.
- Fences can be placed up to the property boundary.
- Fences in the front yard cannot exceed three (3) feet in height.
- Fences on corner lots require careful planning so as not to impede traffic safety and may require additional consultation with zoning staff.
- Finished side of the fence must face your neighbor.
- Chain link fencing cannot be installed in the front yard.

What types of fences are permitted?
Picket, stockade, privacy, crossed rail, chain link (some limitations apply), basket weave, wrought iron, aluminum, stone, and brick are acceptable fence types. Barbed or razor wire and electrified fences are not permitted. Electrified fences are permitted in agriculture areas with written consent of neighboring property owners.

Where can I get a zoning permit application?
Visit [www.howlandtownship.org](http://www.howlandtownship.org) and select Zoning and then select Certificates Permits) to download the "Residential Fence Application." Complete this application and deliver to the Zoning Department during normal business hours. Allow one to three business days to process the permit.

What information will I need to provide along with the permit application?
You will be required to submit a diagram or a site plan that shows the proposed location of the fence. It is strongly recommended that a professional survey of your property boundary be done for any home improvement project requiring a zoning permit. In some circumstances, the zoning staff may require it. If you own the property, you may already have a mortgage survey in your possession.

What about the planting of hedges, shrubs, and trees?
Hedges, Shrubs and Trees planted in the front yard must maintain clear visibility within ten (10) feet of the street right-of-way. Vegetation in this area must be maintained between the heights of three (3) feet and eight (8) feet so as to not materially impede vision. No zoning permit is required.

What is the permit fee?
See the current fee schedule.

Contact information:
Howland Township Zoning Department
205 Niles-Cortland Road
Warren, Ohio 44484
(330) 856-5223
Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Sample Site Plan

- Rear Lot Line
- Side Lot Line
- Street
- Rear Yard
- Front Yard
- Side Yard

- 620 feet of stockade fencing
- House
- Shed