

# Village of



# Germantown

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## Fence Permits

Permit applications can be dropped off during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Inspector can be reached during regular office hours of 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. daily. Along with the permit application, you must supply a copy of the survey for your property. The survey shall be marked with the location of the proposed fence. Fences may be located on the side and rear lot lines providing the following restrictions are met. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Inspection Services at (262) 250-4760.

### VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN ZONING CODE 17.50 (2)(f)

**Fences in Residential Districts** (Am. Ord. #34-89; Rep. & Recr. Ord. #30-97; Am. Ord. #15-06).

1. All fences shall be subject to review and approval of the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of a building permit.
2. Fences in rear or side yards may be up to 6 feet in height.
3. Fences in front yards may not exceed 4 feet in height, except a maximum height of 6 feet on approval of the Plan Commission after consideration of visibility, privacy and access concerns.
4. No fence shall be closer than 2 feet to a public right of way.
5. Fences that contain a finished side and an unfinished side, shall be installed in a manner in which the finished side faces the adjacent property. In case of a discrepancy, the Village Building Inspector shall determine which side of the fence is the finished side. (Cr. Ord. #33-99)
6. Fences shall not be located within any type of easement, provided however, the Planning Commission may authorize the encroachment by a fence into a drainage easement where the owner of the land encumbered by the easement shows to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission that, considering the proposed location, design and materials of the proposed fence, the encroachment of the fence into the easement will not materially interfere with drainage flow within the easement, and, in the case of a subdivision, the homeowners association consents in writing to the encroachment, or if not in a subdivision, the adjacent landowners consent in writing. (Cr. Ord. #33-99; Am. Ord. #15-06).

If the Planning Commission deems it necessary in order to make its decision to authorize an encroachment into a drainage easement by a fence, it may require that the applicant provide a report by a professional engineer providing an opinion that the encroachment will not impair drainage flow within the easement.

If the applicant whose property abuts the drainage way shall be aggrieved by the decision of the Planning Commission, such aggrieved person may appeal the decision to the Village Board by filing a request for appeal review of the record below within fourteen (14) days of the date of the Planning Commission's decision.

7. It is the property owner's responsibility for any lawn maintenance of lands that lie between a fence and the property line. (Cr. Ord. #15-06)
8. Should it be necessary that the Village or its agent, remove the fence, the material costs (materials and labor) would be borne by the owner of the fence. (Cr. Ord. #15-06)

### Kennels/Dog Runs

Section 17.41 (4) of the Germantown Zoning Code regulates fences intended strictly for the fencing of dogs as follows:

#### **DOG HOUSES** (Cr. Ord. #44-98).

Dog houses, kennels or dog runs, located in any single- or 2-family residential district, shall have a minimum side yard and rear yard setback of 15 feet.