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FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Address of Fence: _____ Permit #: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

CONTRACTOR/INSTALLER INFORMATION

CHECK IF THE FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED BY THE OWNER

Contractor/Owner: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

FENCE AND PROPERTY INFORMATION

Type of Fence:

Residential Commercial

Picket Board on Board Wrought Iron Stockade Chain Link
 Split Rail Wood Privacy Retaining Wall Other (Describe) _____

Anticipated Date of Installation: ____ / ____ / ____

Fence Material: _____ Height of Fence at Highest Point: _____

NOTE: Razor wire, barbed wire, and electric fences are prohibited in residential areas.

Contact the Zoning Administrator at (812) 367-2280 with questions and concerns regarding this application/topic.

LOT INFORMATION

Corner Lot Interior Lot

Will the fence be installed in the front yard? Yes No

Will the fence be perpendicular to a street or public right-of-way? Yes No

If yes, which street? _____

Does this lot contain any Town/REC electric equipment? Yes No

If yes, which type of equipment? Transformer Pedestal Pole

CAUTION TO ALL APPLICANTS

Fence permits will be issued in reliance upon information provided by applicant at the time of application. The issuance of a permit should not be construed at the Town's opinion at to or verification of the location of property lines. The Town of Ferdinand is not responsible for verifying the accuracy of the location of property lines through the use of surveys or otherwise. Applicants are strongly urged to have their property surveyed before applying for permit or commencing construction.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

The undersigned: (1) agrees that the fence will be constructed in all respects in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted herewith and in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Ferdinand Municipal Code; (2) acknowledges that the provisions and regulations of said ordinances and/or codes pertaining to such construction govern and shall be followed; (3) certifies that he/she has read and examined this application and knows the same to be true and correct; (4) understands granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any other State of local law regulating construction or the performance of construction; and (5) understands that this is an application for a permit and that I do not have authority to construct a fence until such times as the permit has been approved and issued.

Signature of Property Owner: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Consenting Adjacent Property Owner: _____

(only necessary if the fence is constructed on the property line)

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

NOTE: A SITE PLAN IS REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

FEE: \$25.00 (PAYABLE TO THE TOWN OF FERDINAND)

A permit becomes null and void if work or construction authorized is not commenced within six months, or if construction or work is suspended, or abandoned for a period of six months at any time after work is started.

Note: Inspection of permitted work may reveal violations not discovered during plan interview.

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

_____ Street Department _____ Utility Department _____ Wastewater Department
_____ Zoning District _____ Town Manager

Planning Office Approval: _____

Fee Paid: _____ # _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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SITE PLAN

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Owner's Name: _____

Applicant's Name (if different): _____

Fence Height: _____ **Fence Materials:** _____

Required Rear Yard Setback _____		
Required Side/Front Yard Setback _____		Required Side/Front Yard Setback _____
Required Front Yard Setback _____		

Street

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FENCE PERMITS AND FENCE GUIDELINES

Except as specifically provided in other codes and regulations, the following regulations shall apply to the construction of fences in Residential Zoning Districts.

1. No fence shall be constructed in such a manner or be of such design as to be a traffic hazard.
2. No fence shall be constructed in such a manner or be of such design as to be hazardous or dangerous to persons or animals. Razor wire, barbed wire, and electric fences are prohibited in residential zoned areas.
3. No fence, except fences erected upon public or parochial school grounds or in public parks or playgrounds, shall be constructed to a height greater than three feet (3') in the front yard.
4. All fences shall conform to the construction standards of any applicable building code.
5. Fence height cannot exceed six feet (6') above grade of the property on which the fence is located.
6. Fences fronting onto any existing or proposed right-of-way, except for corner lots, must include a gate providing access to the right-of-way.
7. The finished side of all fences must face away from the lot on which it is installed.
8. Fences may only be placed upon the property line with the consent of adjacent property owner(s)—by signature on fence permit application. If an agreement is not secured with an adjacent property owner, a minimum setback of two feet (2') is required.
9. Fences that exceed three feet (3') in height may not extend nearer to the front lot line than the closest wall of the principal structure or twenty-five feet (25') from that front lot line, whichever is greater.
10. Fences along corner side yard lot lines must be setback to the corner side yard line.
 - a. Exception: Open style fences, not exceeding three feet (3') in height, may be constructed along front and corner side yard lot lines. An open style fence shall be designed so that an area equal to 30% of the width of each upright remains unobstructed. Examples of open style fences include, without limitation, picket, chain link, wrought iron, and split rail.
11. Fences must not be erected until the required permit has been approved AND the permittee has been given a copy of the issued permit.
12. Fences less than three feet (3') in height do not require a fence permit but must comply with all fence regulations specified herein.
13. Fences that are erected in the proximity of any Town electrical equipment must provide the required clearances as indicated herein.
14. Fences must not interfere with storm water drainage conveyance.
15. Call underground utility locators at least 48 hours before you dig: 24-hour toll free 800-382-5544 or 811.
16. It is possible that the restrictive covenants of your subdivision will have more stringent regulations regarding fences. We recommend that you refer to them to ascertain if this is the case.
17. Fences must be located on private property built with consent of the property owner.

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18. Fencing in front yard cannot exceed thirty-six inches (36") in height.
19. Fences must be located at least five feet (5') from public right-of-way.
20. In the sight triangle landscape materials and plantings that are easily maintained at no more than three feet (3') tall from curb height are allowed. Trees may not be planted and fences and walls may not be situated in the slight triangle.
21. Fences may be located in a utility easement, however, they must have a gate installed on each end that is the width of the easement with NO permanent center post. No fences shall be built directly on top of the utility. Fences shall be built on the edge of the easement.
22. Fences may not be located in a platted drainage easement.
23. A site plan must be submitted with the application in order to process the permit.
24. Fence-like structures, such as those used for backstops or tennis courts, are excluded from the regulations of this section.

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

1. All municipal electric equipment must be accessible to town personnel.
2. When installing a fence, residents should adhere to the following regulations in respect to transformers and pedestals.
 - a. Transformers
 - i. In order to provide sufficient access, the following requirements shall be met if a transformer is located near the fence.
 - ii. A five foot (5') clearance on all sides, with a removable fence (pins) or gate in front of the side in which the transformer opens (side with lock).
 - iii. A ten foot (10') clearance must be kept in front of the side in which the transformer opens, if no gate or removable section of the fence is incorporated.
 - iv. If proper clearance cannot be achieved, a gate or removable fence section must be installed in a manner so that the section can be removed without the use of tools.
 - b. Pedestals
 - i. In order to provide sufficient access, the following conditions must be met if a pedestal is located near the fence.
 - ii. A three foot (3') clearance on all sides must be maintained.

FEES AND CHARGES

The permit fee for a fence is \$25.00 (as of July 1, 2022) payable to the Town of Ferdinand. The fee must accompany all applications.

NOTE: A PERMIT BECOMES NULL AND VOID IF WORK OR CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED IS NOT COMMENCED WITHIN 6 MONTHS, OR IF CONSTRUCTION OR WORK IS SUSPENDED, OR ABANDONED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS AT ANY TIME AFTER WORK IS STARTED.

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