FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Permit #:		**Parcel # 44-**
Property Address:		
Application Review Fee:	**Check #**	Date Paid:
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Part I: GENERAL INFORMATION SUBMIT 2 SITE PLANS WITH APPLICATION

Property Owner	Name		**Primary Contact** ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Address		
	Contact Phone#	Email	
Applicant *(If other than owner)*	Name		**Primary Contact** ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Address		
	Contact Phone#	Email	

Part 2: PROPOSED FENCE ☐ NEW OR ☐ REPLACEMENT

Submit two (2) site plans showing placement of fence. Fence must be no closer than one foot to a property line OR include a signed agreement from the adjoining property owner(s) allowing placement on the property line. Contact Zoning Dept. before removing any existing fence.

Fenced Area	Fence Type	Purpose
☐ FRONT YARD	☐ SPLIT RAIL	☐ AESTHETICS
☐ SIDE YARD	☐ STOCKADE	☐ SECURITY
☐ REAR YARD	☐ PICKET	☐ FENCE IN POOL
☐ ENTIRE PROPERTY	☐ CHAINLINK	☐ FENCE IN ANIMALS
☐ OTHER:	☐ OTHER:	☐ OTHER:
TOTAL LENGTH OF FENCE:	FENCE HEIGHT:	

NOTE: PERMIT SUBMISSION *DOES NOT* GRANT "APPROVAL" TO START WORK.

I agree to comply with all applicable codes, statutes and ordinances and with the conditions of this permit; I understand that the issuance of the permit creates no legal liability, express or implied, on Tinicum Township; and certify that all the above information is accurate. Permit expires if work is not started in 6 months, not completed in 12 months, or if work is discontinued for 6 months in the judgment of the Township. The Building Inspector, or the Inspector's authorized agent, is authorized to enter the premises, for which this permit is sought, at all reasonable hours and for any proper purpose to inspect the proposed work. Failure to comply with the above will result in a **STOP WORK** order.

Owner/Auth. Agent Signature:_____ Date:_____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

TYPE	NUMBER	PERMIT FEE	DATE APPROVED:
ZONING			
PERMIT CONDITIONS:			

ZONING APPROVED: _____ **Date:** _____ **Fee:** _____

GENERAL FENCE, WALL AND GATE REQUIREMENTS (refer to Ordinance 245 & Section 900.11 of the Zoning Ordinance)

A. Fences and Walls in the Front Yard Setback:

- A maximum fence height of 4 feet above the finished grade is permitted in the front yard setback. Posts may be no more than 1 foot higher than the horizontal portion of the fence.
- No fences shall be erected within the legal right-of-way of the road.
- Walls in the front yard shall not consist of exposed block facing the right-of-way.
- The finished side of the fence (the side without the posts) shall face outward.
- The required front yard setback does not apply to terraces, steps, uncovered and unenclosed porches, nor to similar features less than 3 feet above finish grade.
- For houses existing within 35 feet of the centerline of the road, fences up to 6 feet in height above the finished grade are permitted in the front yard setback.

B. Fences and Walls in the Side and Rear Yard Setback:

- A maximum fence height of 6 feet above the natural grade is permitted in the side and rear yard setback.
- All fences must be located completely on the owner's property and no closer than 1 foot to a property line *unless* there is an agreement in writing by the owner and the adjoining property owner to allow it to extend to the property line or onto the adjoining property.
- The required side yard setback does not apply to terraces, steps, uncovered and unenclosed porches, nor to similar features less than 3 feet above finish grade.
- The finished side of the fence (the side without the posts) shall face outward.

C. Deer Fencing Protecting an Agricultural Use as defined in Section 705.A:

- A deer fence shall have a height of not less than 8 feet and not more than 10 feet.
- Galvanized fence and posts may be used within the side and rear yards. Galvanized fence and posts are only permitted within the front yard to repair or replace existing galvanized fence and posts.
- New posts installed shall be black, brown, green, natural wood, or natural wood color. Galvanized material may not be used within the front yard for new installations.
- Deer fencing within the setbacks shall be constructed of polypropylene mesh, woven wire, or hexagonal steel.
- No deer fence shall be erected within the legal right-of-way of the road.

D. Deer Fencing Protecting Vegetation NOT defined as an Agricultural Use as defined in Section 705.A:

- A deer fence is permitted by-right within the building envelope.
- A deer fence shall have a height of not less than 8 feet and not more than 10 feet.
- Deer fencing within the yard setback areas must be approved as a Conditional Use.

E. Gates:

- Gates across driveways must have a minimum clear opening of 12 feet. There must be a minimum of 35 feet of straight driveway between the edge of the road and gate, and there shall be no sharp turns or obstructions that would prohibit the free access of firefighting equipment between the gate and structures on the property.
- Gates across driveways or lanes that provide access to fields for farm equipment are specifically exempt from this regulation.

F. Prohibited:

- No fence of any type may block clear sight lines for vehicular traffic as defined by Township ordinances.
- No fence of any type may be placed in the right-of-way of a PennDOT road without approval from PennDOT.
- No fence shall be erected in a *floodway* as defined in Section 201. No walls or solid board fences are permitted in the *floodplain*, only open wire, post and rail or 50% opaque (i.e., wood or metal picket) are permitted.
- All fences shall be constructed to avoid damming or diverting the flow of stormwater.
- No fence of any kind may be topped with razor ribbon, metal spikes or sharp objects.

G. If a fence is not properly maintained, deemed unsafe, is damaged/destroyed, or deteriorated, the fence owner must remove, replace or repair the fence within 30 days of receipt of written notice to do so from the Zoning Officer and, if not, the Zoning Officer has the power to require the fence to be removed.