

7.10 Fence and Wall Standards.

- A. General Requirements. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to construct, or cause to be constructed, any fence on any property within the Charter Township of Oxford, including land zoned or used for single-family residential purposes, except in accordance with these regulations.
- B. Location Of Fences and Walls.
 - 1. All fences and walls shall be located entirely on the property of the owner of the fence. Adjoining property owners may jointly install a fence on the common property line.
 - 2. No fence or wall shall be located within a public easement in which public utilities are located or are proposed to be located without first receiving the approval of the public utility responsible.
 - 3. No fence or wall shall be established or maintained on any parcel that will cause a traffic hazard by obstructing the view of drivers. All fences and walls shall be installed in accordance with the requirements for intersection visibility under Section 8.2.
- C. Height Regulations.
 - 1. Fences and walls located on property zoned or used for residential purposes shall comply with the following regulations:
 - a. Fences and walls located in a required front setback adjoining a public or private road shall not exceed three (3) feet in height, with the exception of walls or fences that are associated with a decorative entrance feature of a multi-unit residential development, which may measure up to six (6) feet in height.
 - b. Fences and walls located in any required side setback not adjoining a street, or in any required rear setback, shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
 - 2. Fences and walls on property zoned or used for commercial or office purposes shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, unless waived by the Planning Commission. Fences in a required front setback shall not be permitted except where required by the Planning Commission.
 - 3. Fences and walls on any industrial lot shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height.

4. Fences enclosing land used for agricultural purposes shall be exempt from the regulations of this subsection.
5. In determining the height of a fence or wall that separates two adjoining lots and that is located within two (2) feet of the common lot line, the maximum height at any point shall be measured from the highest grade at that point within two (2) feet on either side of the common lot line.

D. Safety.

1. No spikes, nails, barbed wire, or other pointed objects or sharp protrusions shall be placed on, attached to, or permitted to remain on, any fence or wall below the height of eight (8) feet, except in the case of fences that enclose farmland, in which case barbed wire may be permitted at any height of the fence.
2. Fences shall not contain any electric charge or current, except fences that enclose land used for agricultural purposes, in which case electrically charged fence wires shall be permitted, provided such wires shall be attached to the inside face of the fence posts. All electrically charged fences shall be of a type and make approved by Underwriters Laboratories.
3. Fences and walls may be constructed of woven wire, metal, wood, plastic, or masonry. Masonry walls shall require a foundation equal to the depth of the frost line, or forty-two (42) inches. Posts or anchoring devices for all other fences shall be placed at a depth of not less than thirty (30) inches.

E. Retaining Walls. A retaining wall shall be regulated as a fence if the wall projects more than eighteen (18) inches above the grade of the ground being retained.

F. Maintenance. Fences and walls shall be maintained so as to not endanger life or property, and so as to not collapse or present an imminent risk of collapse.

G. Exemptions. Fences and walls enclosing land used for agricultural purposes shall be exempt from the regulations and requirements of this Section. Likewise, fencing for municipal facilities shall also be exempt from fencing regulations.

H. Dumpster Enclosures. Dumpster enclosures shall be provided and screened in accordance with Section 6.20(A).