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Residential Fences

City of Keego Harbor, Michigan

Zoning Ordinance - Section 15.12

Application Requirements

Permits Required: Zoning Permit

Required Inspection(s): Building (final inspection)

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- Zoning Permit Application
- A registered survey or mortgage survey for all fences established on or near property line(s).
- Sketch drawing showing the proposed fence location.
- Fence specifications including height, fence type, materials, etc. Photos can be helpful and are encouraged as a part of your fence application.

Fence Requirements

The following requirements are from Section 5.12 of the Keego Harbor Zoning Ordinance. Fence standards are determined by which yard your fence will be placed.

Front Yard -

Maximum Height: 3 feet

Minimum Distance from Roadway: 10 feet

Material: No chain link or solid wood.

Fence must be decorative and 50% open to air and light (split rail, wrought iron, wrought iron type fencing).

Side Yard (Not Facing Road) -

Maximum Height: 6 feet

Minimum Distance from Building: 5 feet

Side Yard (Facing Road) -

Maximum Height: 6 feet TOTAL (4 feet maximum with 2-foot lattice).

Minimum Distance from Roadway: 10 feet

Material: No chain link.

Rear Yard -

Maximum Height: 6 feet

Requirements for rear yard may vary depending on whether the property is a through lot. Please check with Planning & Zoning.

Waterfront Yard -

Maximum Height: 3 feet

Minimum Distance from Sea Wall / High-Water Mark: No closer than the water's edge at a seawall, or in the absence of a sea wall, 5 feet from the ordinary high-water mark.

Fence must be decorative and 75% open to air and light.

***** Fences are NOT permitted on vacant lots. *****

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Which yard is my fence located?

Below are descriptions to help you understand which yard you are locating your fence. If you are unsure which yard your fence will be in, please contact Planning & Zoning.

Front Yard: The open space extending between the front property line (typically the street-side) and the principal building. For buildings fronting two streets, both open spaces facing each street are considered to be the front yard.

Side Yard: The open space between the side property line and the principal building.

Rear Yard: The open space between the rear property line and the principal building.

Waterfront Yard: The open space extending from the principal building to the shoreline.