

**CITY OF CROSWELL  
APPLICATION FOR FENCE**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_; Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Land or Tax Identification # \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Property \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner of Land (if other than Applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Property or Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Description of material to be used \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHED IS A COPY OF THE CITY OF CROSWELL FENCE ORDINANCE.**

Other information

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**Inspection:** To verify compliance with this permit, it may be necessary for the Zoning Administrator or his/her agent to enter the premises at reasonable times to certify the information contained in this permit until a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Applicant

IF MORTGAGE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE – ATTACH COPY

IF NO MORTGAGE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE, PLEASE SHOW ON THE ATTACHED SHEET:

- 1) LOT DIMENSIONS
- 2) EXISTING BUILDINGS
- 3) SKETCH OF LOCATION OF PROPOSED FENCE TO BE ERECTED ON PROPERTY

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Zoning Administrator  
(810) 679-2299

City of Croswell  
100 N. Howard Ave.  
Croswell, MI 48422

Hours: Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FENCE PERMIT – ADDRESS OF \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING PLAN EXAMINERS NOTES:

USE \_\_\_\_\_

ZONING DESIGNATION \_\_\_\_\_

FRONT YARD \_\_\_\_\_ REAR YARD \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE YARD \_\_\_\_\_ SIDE YARD \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

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Inspection Made \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Denied

FEE AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Zoning Administrator

Ordinance 210  
Fences - Regulations & Requirements

An Ordinance to amend Section 1. Stipulations and Requirements, of Ordinance No. 210, Fences - Regulations & Requirements of the City of Croswell.

The City of Croswell Ordains:

**Section 1:** A. Fences in all Residential Districts which enclose property and/or are within a required side or rear yard, shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground. Fences shall be located along the lot line and shall not extend to the front of the lot beyond the front of a dwelling or twenty-five (25) feet from the front property markers which ever is farther from the street. Those side yards that have a common street line with front yards on the same block shall be treated as front yards and shall not have a fence constructed within the minimum setback. (amended 8/20/07, Ord 210-D)

1. All decorative/stockade fences shall have the finish/good side facing out.  
(amended 5/15/00, Ord. 210-B)
2. The Zoning Board of Appeals may give a special exception to permit the following directives in Section A: (amended 12/16/02, Ord. 210-C; amended 8/20/07, Ord 210-D)
  - a. Allow setback changes on side yards that face a common street line with front yards on the same block.
  - b. Allow setback changes on lot lines where fences may interfere with public safety or utilities.
  - c. Allow finish/good side facing inward except on a Street side.  
(amended 5/15/00, Ord. 210-B)

B. Fences in all Residential Districts which serve as architectural or decorative landscaping may not be used to enclose property. The height of said fences shall not exceed six (6) feet, measured from the surface of the ground. (amended 8/20/07, Ord 210-D)

1. Architectural fences shall be attached to the principal use structure and shall, when placed in a front or side yard be of the same material which makes up the major portion of the facade to which attached. All architectural fences are subject to approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

2. Decorative fences may be freestanding and may be used to obscure a private area from view from beyond the lot line. If used in this matter, they shall not be continuous so as to enclose more than fifty (50) percent of the lineal length of any yard.

3. The Zoning Board of Appeals may give a special exception to permit the following directives in section B: (amended 12/16/02, Ord. 210-C; amended 8/20/07, Ord 210-D)

a. Allow architectural fences in front or side yards.

C. Fences in all Residential Districts shall not contain barbed wire or any electric current charge of electricity.

D. Fences which enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or public landscaped areas, situated within an area developed as residential shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not obstruct vision to an extent greater than twenty-five (25) percent of their total area.

E. In those instances wherein a one-family residential lot has front, side or rear yard relationship with a major thorofare, the Board of Appeals shall permit the construction of a fence along the major thorofare when the following conditions are met:

1. The fence shall be located along the common line formed by the lot line and where the major thorofare right of way is located.

2. The fence height shall be established by the Board of Appeals and in no instance shall it be greater than six (6) feet in height, measured from the adjacent centerline elevation of the road.

3. The fence shall be constructed of a permanent material similar to that used on the exterior wall of the house it obscures from the road, and shall be compatible with adjacent houses in both material used and color.

4. The fence shall be designed so as to enable convenient extension and continuity along the road right-of-way and lot lines of adjacent residences.

5. The fences shall not penetrate a front or side yard setback line created by a street intersecting said major thorofare. This line shall be determined by extending it parallel to the street to the point of intersection with the major thorofare right-of-way.

6. Complete work drawings of the proposed fence as to location, height, material and color shall be submitted to the Board of Appeals for final approval prior to the seeking of a building permit.
7. The Board of Appeals shall further make the determination that a fence will not create any hazards with reference to the obscuring of vision between residential driveways and the intersecting thoroughfare.

**Section 2: PENALTIES.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate, or assist in the violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Every day that such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct violation under the provisions of this ordinance.

**Section 3: SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or subsection is declared void and inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.

**Section 4: ENFORCEMENT.**

It shall be the duty of the Zoning Administrator to enforce this Ordinance provided, however, that the Crosswell Police Department shall assist and cooperate in such enforcement.

**Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its adoption.

Amended April 7, 1997 - Ord 210-A  
Amended May 15, 2000 - Ord. 210-B  
Amended December 16, 2002 - Ord 210-C  
Amended August 20, 2007 - Ord 210-D