

**Excerpts from Charter Township of Highland Township
Zoning Ordinance
adopted 10/11/2000**

ARTICLE XVII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1708. RESIDENTIAL FENCES

Fences on property used for residential purposes shall be permitted as follows:

- 1708-1. Fences not exceeding six (6) feet in height shall be permitted within required side and rear yards.
- 1708-2. Decorative fences which do not enclose property and which are less than three-feet-six-inches in height shall be permitted in required front yards.
- 1708-3. Decorative fences which enclose property and promote visual privacy shall be permitted within all unrequired front yard areas and, with Planning Commission approval, within required front yard areas which are located on major thoroughfares. Such fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.
- 1708-4. Barbed wire, electrically charged or other similar fences shall not be permitted on property used for residential purposes.

SECTION 1709. PERIMETER CONTROLS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USES

- 1709-1. A six (6) foot high chain link, wood stockade, or other comparable fence shall be required between business districts and residential districts, and between industrial districts and residential districts. The fence shall be waived by the Planning Commission pursuant to site plan review in locations where buildings or other structures serve the same purpose. The fence may be located on business and industrial property lines or may be set back from property lines.
- 1709-2. A six (6) foot high chain link, wood stockade, or other comparable fence shall be required between residential uses and any nonresidential use subject to site plan approval if the Planning Commission determines that such a fence is necessary to protect residential uses from the encroachment of nonresidential activities or from a potential attractive nuisance.
- 1709-3. Chain link, wood stockade and other comparable fences, including barbed wire crowns, may be permitted for any use for which site plan approval is required, subject to a Planning Commission finding that such a fence is necessary to protect said use from potentially harmful unauthorized encroachment.
- 1709-4. Chain link, wood stockade and other comparable fences, including barbed wire, shall be permitted in agricultural districts for the purpose of enclosing livestock and cultivated areas.

