



UPPER MACUNGIE TOWNSHIP

8330 Schantz Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031

Permit # _____

Date Granted _____

Fence & Wall Permit Application

Exact Address of Property: _____

Subdivision Name: _____ Lot No. _____ P.I.N. _____

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL > Zoning District: _____

Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT INFORMATION

Fence Length: _____ Height: _____ Material Type: _____

Wall Length: _____ Height: _____ Material Type: _____

Construction Cost: _____ Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

Contractor or Person Responsible for Construction: _____
(Name, Address and Phone Number)

(Phone)

A site plan showing the fence or wall location has been included with this permit application.

• Who is the applicant? Owner Contractor _____
(Today's Date)

(Applicant's Signature)

(PRINT Applicant's Name)

For Official Use ONLY	Permit Approved	Permit Denied
Active Easements: _____		Zoning Appeal: _____
Permit Conditions: _____	_____	

Zoning Official: _____	Date: _____	

FENCE AND WALL PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

(The following information does NOT include fence requirements for pools)

A site plan showing the fence location needs to accompany application. If your house was built after 1995, there should be a **Foundation (As-Built) Location Plan** on file with the building permit for the home and this document should be used for the site plan. **If you do not have a copy we will gladly get one for you.** If As-Built Plan is not available, take 8.5" x 11" piece of paper and draw approximate location of property lines, home, driveway, other buildings or structures and the proposed fence or wall's location and dimensions to the property lines.

A fence may not be placed in any active easement or right of way. PP&L, Buckeye Pipeline and other companies may give written permission to locate in easement or right of way depending on height and location. **It is the Applicant's responsibility to show all existing easements located on the property.**

Contractors must supply the Township with a Certificate of Insurance showing Workers' Compensation & General Liability Insurance listing Upper Macungie Township, 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031, as the certificate holder.

Fence Requirements: Any fence or wall shall be durably constructed and well-maintained. Fences that have deteriorated shall be replaced or removed. A zoning permit is required for all fences and walls other than seasonal temporary snow fences and temporary fences around active construction sites. Such temporary fences may have a maximum height of eight feet in a residential district.

No fence, wall or hedge shall obstruct the sight distance requirements of Subsection 3 of § 27-803, nor obstruct safe sight distance within an alley. No fence or wall shall obstruct the flow of stormwater, except if approved as part of a Township-approved stormwater system. No fence or wall shall be constructed within an active utility easement in such a way that it would inhibit use and maintenance of the easement for its intended purpose.

Any fence located in the required front yard of a lot in a residential district shall be an open-type of fence (such as picket or split rail) with a minimum ratio of 1:1 of open to structural areas; not exceed four feet in height; and be constructed entirely of wood (plus any required fasteners and any wire mesh attached on the inside of the fence) or wrought iron or other material that closely resembles wood or wrought iron.

A fence shall not be required to comply with minimum setbacks for accessory structures. The fence shall not be located within an existing or dedicated future street right-of-way. See Subsection 4F(2) above concerning easements.

A fence located in a residential district in a location other than a required front yard shall have a maximum height of six feet, except: A maximum height of 10 feet is permitted to enclose a tennis or racquet sport court or a non-household swimming pool or an electric substation, provided that such fence is set back a minimum of 10 feet from all lot lines.

No fence shall be built within the following distances of the existing right-of-way of a street: five feet in a residential district and 10 feet in any other district. A fence of a dwelling may be constructed on any other lot line in a residential district. A fence for a nonresidential use shall be set back a minimum of five feet from any abutting lot line of an existing dwelling or an undeveloped residentially zoned lot. No fence shall be located within the paved area setback required under § 27-603.

Any fence that has one side that is smoother and/or more finished than the second side shall place that smoother and/or more finished side so that it faces away from the area that is enclosed, unless the fence abuts a business use.

Barbed wire shall not be used as part of fences around dwellings. Electrically charged fences shall only be used to contain farm animals and shall be of such low intensity that they will not permanently injure humans. No fence shall be constructed out of fabric, junk, junk vehicles, appliances, tanks or barrels.

Wall Requirements: No wall of greater than three feet shall be located in the required front yard in a residential district, except as a backing for a permitted sign at an entrance to a development. A wall in a residential district outside of a required front yard shall have a maximum height of three feet if it is within the minimum accessory structure setback and six feet if it is not.

Walls that are attached to a building shall be regulated as a part of that building, and the regulations of this Section shall not apply. All fences, walls or continuous hedges more than four feet in height shall be equipped with gates or other suitable passageways at intervals of not more than 250 feet.