



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD – BUILDING DEPARTMENT  
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**APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT, ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMIT AND PLAN EXAMINATION**

<b>Authority:</b> P.A. 230 of 1972, as amended <b>Completion:</b> Mandatory to obtain permit <b>Penalty:</b> Permit will not be issued	<b>Permit #</b>
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In order to avoid delay all forms must be completely filled out and plans must contain required information.  
 NOTE: Separate applications must be filled out for electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

Job Address
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION/TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT**

<u>Detailed Description</u> of Project FENCE	Estimated Cost of Construction
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**ALL WORK MUST BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN BUILDING CODE AND ALL APPLICABLE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION - - Any address/email/phone # changes, please check here**

Homeowner/license holder(print)		Address, City, State, Zip	
Email		Cell phone # & cell provider for text messages	
Driver License Number	Date of Birth	Builder License (if applicable)	Exp date
Company Name (if applicable)		Company phone # (if applicable)	

**AFFIDAVITS**

I hereby certify the building work described on this permit application shall be installed by myself in my own home in which I am living or about to occupy. All work shall be installed in accordance with the Building Code and shall not be enclosed, covered, used, or put into operation until it has been inspected and approved by the Building Inspector. I will cooperate with the Building Inspector and resume responsibility to arrange for necessary inspections.
I hereby certify that the proposed work is authorized by the owner of record and that I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent, and we agree to conform to all applicable laws of the Charter Township of Chesterfield and the State of Michigan. All information submitted on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Section 23a of the state construction code act 1972, 1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1523A, prohibits a person from conspiring to circumvent the licensing requirements of this state relating to persons who are to perform work on a residential building or residential structure. Violators of section 23a are subject to civil fines.

**SIGNATURE**

Signature of Applicant - Must be signed by Homeowner or license holder (Homeowner Signature indicates compliance with Homeowner Affidavit)	Date
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## Fences, Walls, Hedges, and Protective Barriers

All fences of any nature, type or description located in the township shall conform to the following regulations:

A. The erection, construction or alteration of any fence, wall, hedge or other type of protective barrier shall be approved by the building administrator as to conformance to the requirements of the zoning district in which such barriers are proposed, the requirements of this section, and the township fence ordinance.

B. Fences in other than A-1 districts shall conform to the following requirements:

1. No fences shall be erected along the line dividing lots or parcels of land or located within any required side or rear yard in excess of six feet or less than three feet in height above the mean grade.
2. Only decorative, non-obscuring split-rail fences, 24 inches to 42 inches high, shall be permitted in a front yard. Similar fences which are utilized and designed for the sole purpose of being an architectural/landscape feature may be reviewed and approved by the planning commission. All other fences shall not encroach into the front yard, except that portion of a lot abutting Anchor Bay and the Salt River, south of Callens Road. Only non-obscuring, decorative aluminum or wrought iron fences (not exceeding 48 inches in height) shall be permitted in a waterside front yard of Anchor Bay or the Salt River. Walls, hedges, chain link or obscuring fences shall not be permitted in the water side front yard of lots on Anchor Bay or the Salt River. No privacy fences shall be permitted outside of the building envelope on any waterfront or canal lot or parcel.
3. All fences erected after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived shall be constructed of materials customarily used for residential fences and be properly maintained at all times. Barbed wire, or any other sharp or pointed object of any kind, or electric current applied to such fences is prohibited.
4. Street side yard fences, other than those permitted in subsection B.2 of this section, shall be set back a minimum of five feet from the side street right-of-way and may not intrude into the building front yard. No fence shall encroach into a clear vision corner triangle of 15 feet measured along the abutting road right-of-way and driveway to the site.
5. Fence requirements for pool protection are required to meet the barrier requirements mandated by the current building code in effect.
6. Replacement of a fence for an existing corner lot see the ZBA interpretation from 9-28-2016.

Homeowners or agents are responsible for **accurate** verification of lot lines and placements of fences. Chesterfield Township will not be held responsible for placement on inaccurate lot line locations or easement encroachments.

Zoning permits are required for all fences, walls and protective barriers @ a fee of \$50.00.

### **When applying for a permit you need to do the following:**

1. Copy of mortgage survey/plot plan showing the location of fence
2. Indicate the size and material type of fence to be installed
3. Applicant's driver license
4. Copy of this fence ordinance - signed

**Michigan statutory law authorizes a township to spend money solely for a public purpose. The Township Attorney has advised this department that disputes with respect to boundary lines/fence lines/ tree trimming are private in nature and as a result the Township does not have the authority to spend public money to resolve this dispute.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_