

Fee: \$30.00

Payment must accompany application.

FENCE/HEDGE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Mail: Planning & Zoning Dept., PO Box 948, Escanaba, MI 49829

In Person: 410 Ludington Street, 2nd Floor



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address		Parcel #	
Type of Lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Corner Lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Interior Lot	<input type="checkbox"/> Irregular Lot

FENCE/HEDGE PROJECT INFORMATION

Type of Fence/Hedge	<input type="checkbox"/> Chain Link <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): _____		
Height of Fence	*For most residential parcels, fences may be up to 6' in the side and rear yards, but only 4' in front yards. Corner parcels have two front yards. See page 3 for additional fence height information. See page 4 for a sample drawing.		
Do you want your property corners marked by the Engineering Department?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>Note: This is not a legal survey and is not guaranteed to be accurate. The City of Escanaba assumes no responsibility for property corner markings, measurements, or errors thereof. If greater assurance of accuracy is desired, please contact a local surveying firm for a full property survey.</i>			

CONTACT INFORMATION & SIGNATURES

I acknowledge that the information in this application is true, and if found not to be true, any permit that may be issued may be void. I agree to comply with the conditions and regulations provided with any permit that may be issued and will also comply with all applicable sections of the City of Escanaba Zoning Ordinance. I give permission for officials of the City of Escanaba, the County, and the State of Michigan to enter the property subject to this permit application for purposes of inspection. Finally, I understand that this is a zoning permit application (not a permit) and that a zoning permit, if issued, conveys only land use rights, and does not include any representation or conveyance of right in any other statute, building code, deed restriction or other property rights.

I understand that submission of this application IS NOT an authorization to begin work. Work may only commence after approval and issuance of the permit.

PROPERTY OWNER – SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON <u>ALL</u> APPLICATIONS		APPLICANT/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE – (OPTIONAL)	
Company		Company	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City, State, ZIP		City, State, ZIP	
Phone #		Phone #	
Email		Email	
Signature →		Signature →	
Date		Date	

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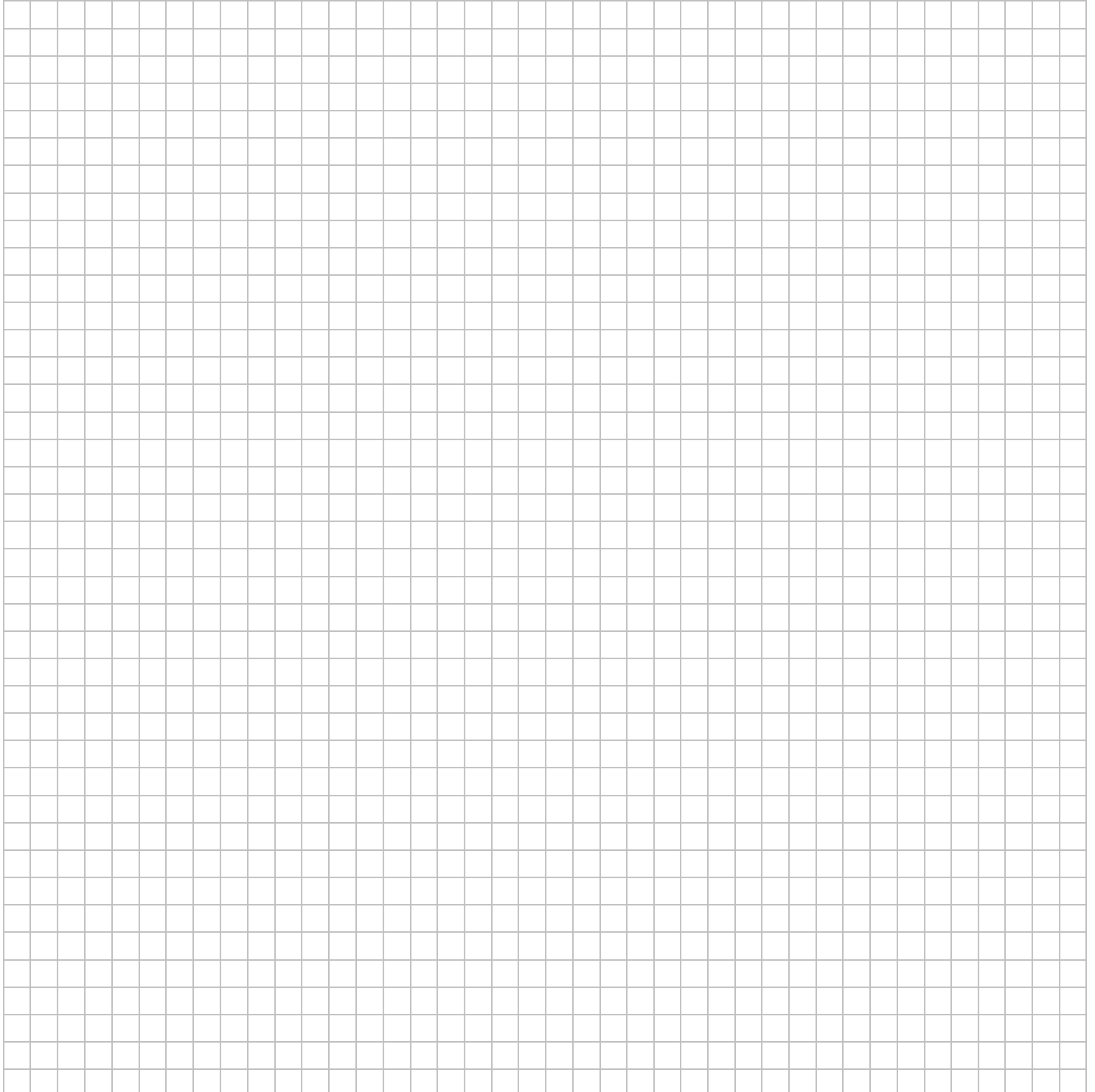
Zoning Designation	
Known Easements	Per Section 1911.3, no fence or hedge shall be erected or installed on any legal easement or right of way.

FENCE/HEDGE PLAN DRAWING

Please provide a sketch plan drawn relatively to scale, showing and labeling the following ([See page 4 for a sample drawing](#)):

- **Shape of the parcel** (property lines)
- **Adjacent streets/alleys**
- **Locations of all existing structures on the parcel** (house, garage, shed, fence, etc.)
- **Locations of the proposed fence/hedge. Label height of fencing for each section.**

(Note: A drawing from a contractor may be substituted for this page as long as it shows all of the above items.)



ESCANABA ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO FENCES AND HEDGES

ESCANABA PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

PM - 303.7 Accessory Structures: All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. All exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment

ESCANABA ZONING ORDINANCE

1911.1. General. The requirements of this Section shall apply to all land uses, buildings and structures. A fence/hedge plan review is required for all land uses, buildings and structures.

1911.2. Construction and Maintenance: Every fence shall be constructed in a substantial, workmanlike manner and of material reasonably suited for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. Every fence shall be maintained in good repair and shall not be a danger or nuisance, public or private. Any such fence which is, or has become, dangerous to the public safety, health or welfare, is a public nuisance and shall be repaired or removed. Link fences, wherever permitted, shall be constructed in such a manner that no barbed ends shall be at the top except for limited outdoor storage areas. No fence shall be installed, erected or maintained except in strict compliance with the following requirements:

A. Metal Fences – Shall consist of new materials treated in a manner to prevent rust and corrosion.

B. Wood Fences – Shall be constructed of new materials and painted, stained or preserved in a manner to maintain the fence in a good structural condition and with an appearance that is aesthetically compatible with the type of fence it represents. For example only, a so-called rustic or stockade fence shall be treated and/or maintained in a manner to represent the best appearance of that type of fence.

C. Plastic or Other Synthetic Material Fences – Where any of these materials are used as a fence, or part thereof, only new materials shall be used and they shall be treated and maintained in a manner to maintain the fence in good structural condition and with an appearance that is aesthetically compatible with the type of fence it represents. Further, such materials shall be of a design and constructed or integrated with the fence to which they are a part in a manner that will not be destroyed or torn apart from the fence by climatic elements. For example, only metal or synthetic material slats inserted in a fence shall be done in a manner not to allow them to be blown away, or removed by the wind or other weather conditions.

D. Masonry Fences – Except as otherwise provided in any other City of Escanaba Ordinance requiring such fences or “walls”, this type of fence shall only be permitted with the written approval of all property owners abutting the sides of the property upon which the fence is to be erected.

1911.3. Location: No fence or hedge shall be erected or installed in any yard that will shut-off light or ventilation to any window or opening in a habitable space of a dwelling. A minimum distance of three feet shall be maintained between any solid fence or hedge and any such opening in a dwelling in determining such light and ventilation. No fence or hedge shall be erected or installed nearer than two (2) feet from the inside line of the sidewalk, and, in the case of any corner lot, within the sight distance triangle. No fence or hedge shall be erected or installed on any legal easement and/or right-of-way.

1911.4 Fence/Hedge Heights. Fences/hedges shall not exceed the following heights in the specified district:

Zoning District	Fence Height Above Grade	
	Front Yard (Feet)	Side & Rear Yards (Feet)
Residence “A”, “B”, & “C” Districts	4	6
Residential Planned-Unit Development “C-2”	4	6
Local Business District “D”	4	6
Commercial Development “E”	4*	6
Planned Commercial Development “E-1”	4	6
Special Planned District “E-2”	4	6
Light Manufacturing District “F”	4*	12
Industrial Park District “F-1”	8	12
Heavy Manufacturing District “G”	8	12

* With a Special Land Use Permit, a front yard fence can be up to six (6) feet in height.

1912.8.1. Fences or Walls. Any fences or walls used for screening shall be constructed in a durable fashion of brick, stone, other masonry materials, wood posts and planks or metal or other materials specifically designed as fencing materials or any combination thereof as may be approved by the Code Official. Other materials may also be considered through the alternate buffer and screening process as detailed in Section 1914.8 Screening and/or Buffer Areas. No more than 25 percent of the fence surface shall be left open and the finished side of the fence shall face the abutting property. A chain link fence with plastic, metal or wooden slats may not be used to satisfy the requirements of this Section when abutting residential uses and districts, and public streets.

FENCE HEIGHT LIMITATIONS & SAMPLE DRAWING

