

# Information Sheet

#### **Code Enforcement**

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# Fences, Walls and Natural Barriers

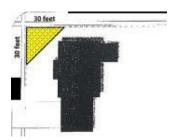
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# Frequently asked questions:

*Do I need a permit?* No, but you should contact the Village for more information.

Can I put my fence, wall or natural barrier anywhere? No

- Fences, walls and natural barriers should not be constructed in any private easement, public street, or street right-of-way.
- Fences, except decorative, cannot be any closer to the street than the building setback line, which varies by Zoning District from 25' to 50'. Decorative fences are those that are used as part of a landscaping feature and do not enclose any area.
- If you have a corner lot, you will have a restricted area. This is a 30' triangle where an obstruction can be no taller than 2'.



Can I put my fence, wall or natural barrier on my property line? For maintenance purposes, we recommend that you leave a distance equal to at least the width of your mower between your fence and property line. However, you may install your fence abutting, but not over your property line.

*How do I locate my property line?* You may contact a professionally licensed surveyor to locate your property corners. The Village of Shiloh does not survey private property

## Can my fence be made of any type of material?

- No barb wire, other sharp material, or electronically charged fence can be constructed, except in a non-urban district.
- Fences cannot be more than 6' tall

### *Is there anything else I should know?*

- Utilities must be located and considered when erecting fences, walls or natural barriers. This is the responsibility of the person doing the work. To locate utilities, call JULIE at 811.
- Maintenance (painting, mowing, repairs, etc.) of both sides of the fence, wall or natural barrier should be considered when determining placement.
- The Village of Shiloh **does not** settle property line disputes between neighbors.

### What is the next step?

- Check with your Homeowners Association on possible further restrictions.
- Contact the Village Hall to verify the location of easements and building set-back lines. A copy of your final plat is also available from the St. Clair County Recorder's office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** These guidelines are not a comprehensive presentation of all the ordinances and building codes involved in placing, erecting or constructing a fence, wall or natural barrier.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Code Enforcement Department at (618) 632-1022 ext. 126 or <a href="mailto:mcampbell@shilohil.org">mcampbell@shilohil.org</a>.