

# CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES

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Application Fee  
**\$25**

## FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Person/Company Installing Fence: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Where Fence Is Being Installed: \_\_\_\_\_

Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit a plan detailing the location of the proposed fence. Include any existing fences, easements, etc., that may be effected by the proposed fence. A post hole and final inspection are required. Before you dig, call Miss Dig @ 1-800-482-7171**

- Are you planning on removing an existing fence on the property?  Yes  No
- How many sides of the property are you removing a fence from? \_\_\_\_\_
- The City of St. Clair Shores does not determine ownership of existing fences. If you are removing an existing fence, has proof of ownership been determined?  Yes  No
- Is this property adjacent to any body of water (lake, canal, river)?  Yes  No  Not sure

*By signing this application, I acknowledge that I've read the Ordinance requirements for the installation of a fence (abbreviated version on back on of this document) & further agree to allow City representatives to enter upon said property in order to inspect the proposed activity and the completed project.*

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**Applicant Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved\***

**Denied**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Inspector**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notified Applicant**

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**Initials**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**MAIL**

## **22.206 Fences and permitted installation. Sec. 32-6.**

- (1) Fences in compliance with the requirement of this ordinance shall be allowed by the City of St. Clair Shores. It is recommended that fences be erected on common lot lines. However, the installing party may opt to adjust the location of the proposed fence as long as all other requirements of the City's Fence Ordinance are met.
- (2) The owner of a corner property may erect a fence six (6) feet in height along a side street starting at the rear lot line forward to the front of the house, stopping, reducing to four (4) feet in height, then sloping the fence from this point to the front lot line to a height of no more than two (2) feet six (6) inches above the sidewalk at the front lot line. The fence shall be of a material that does not obscure vision of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (3) Business properties. At business properties on which the owner installs, or the City requires, the erection of a masonry wall or solid fence of an approved material six (6) feet in height, the fence material shall reduce to four (4) feet in height at the residential building line and then step down to two (2) feet six (6) inches in height at the front lot line of the residential property.
- (4) All owners/occupants of property in non-residential zoning districts shall comply with the requirements of Zoning Ordinance 15.508 as amended regarding the construction of walls between residential and non-residential properties.
- (5) Privacy fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, be self-supporting and shall be installed in a workmanlike and approved manner. Acceptable materials may include naturally durable wood, treated wood such as cedar or redwood, synthetic materials as approved, metal, or other materials if approved by the City. It is recommended that privacy fences be constructed in such a manner that neither side shall be different from the other. If there is a different, or what is commonly referred to as a "bad side," it shall face the installing party's property. This provision shall apply to both side yard and rear yard fences.
- (6) For all fences other than privacy fences, the installing or requesting party shall construct the fence with the "post side" or "bad side" facing the installing party's property. This provision shall apply to both side yard and rear yard fences.
- (7) Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs. Safety fences, alarms, locks and hardware are not governed by this Ordinance. Please refer to the current Building Code for requirements. Animal pens/dog runs are not governed by this Chapter, therefore refer to Chapter 15.000, Accessory Uses allowed.  
(ord. eff. Dec. 4, 2006)

## **22.207 Prohibited conditions.**

Sec. 32-7. The following shall be prohibited:

- (1) The erection or extension of a fence that may impede ingress or egress of a stairway, entrance, exit of a building or any portion of a sidewalk adjacent to such building.
- (2) Spikes, nails, barbed wire, razor wire or other sharp pointed instruments affixed, placed upon or allowed to exist in any manner attached to a fence or part of a fence.
- (3) Fences which utilize either a shock or electrocution. Any fence installation or repair utilizing electricity or electrical components shall require a permit and a final inspection from the St. Clair Shores electrical inspector.
- (4) Fences which obstruct access to, or the visibility of, fire hydrants, water meter wells, other utility reading devices, or vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (5) Damaged or unstable fences if the condition of the fence is a hazard to the health, safety and/or welfare of the general public.
- (6) Hedges that contain plant material that is dead, dying or diseased, which exceeds the maximum allowable height (6') or which create obstructions as described in this Ordinance.
- (7) Fences or hedges erected or installed except as allowed herein. Hedge rows shall be considered fences.
- (8) Fences consisting of broken concrete, masonry block or similar material stacked in piles or rows.
- (9) Fences, guy wires, braces or structural members of any fence constructed upon or protruding over property over which the City or the general public has dominion and control, owns, or has an easement over, under, around or through, except upon utility easements which are permitted to be fenced.
- (10) The erection of a fence beyond the face of a house to the front lot line without the consent of the Board of Fence Arbitration or unless allowed as described in the Ordinance.
- (11) Privacy fences shall not be permitted on any waterfront or canal lot parcel.  
(ord. eff. Dec. 4, 2006)