

# Trappe Borough, Montgomery County, PA

525 West Main Street Trappe, PA 19426  
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## Application for **FENCE PERMIT**

**ZONING OVERVIEW:** The purpose of Zoning Ordinances & the place of Zoning Permits “promoting the health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the Borough in accordance with a comprehensive plan ... designed to lessen congestion in the streets, roads and highways, and to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers, to provide adequate light and air, to prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population, to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks and other public requirements, and to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Borough.”

Please refer to Trappe Borough Code § 340.80-82 for detailed Zoning Permit information.

### **INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND:**

- All applicable Zoning Permit Applications are to be submitted prior to submission of any Building Permit Applications
- The Borough currently does not require specific setbacks from property lines for the installation of fences. However, the Borough does encourage you to consult with your neighbors before construction begins. **The Borough will not become involved in either property line- or neighbor-disputes.**
- As the property owner, you are responsible for locating / verifying your property lines.

### **Ordinance details related to fences:**

§340.108 *On any corner lot, no structure shall be erected, altered or maintained and no hedge, tree, shrub or other growth shall be planted or maintained which may cause danger to traffic by obstructing the view.*

§340.131 *Notwithstanding any other provision in the Code of the Borough of Trappe, a fence may be constructed to a height of no more than four feet (4') in the front yard in residential districts and no more than six feet (6') in the rear and side yards in residential districts and no more than six feet (6') in all other zoning districts. The provisions of this section shall not apply to fences regulated by other provisions of the borough Code relating to fences constructed around swimming pools, ponds, or similar bodies of water.*

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**Incomplete submission of all required information and/or documents will result in the entire application being rejected and returned.**

**You will then need to resubmit with all documentation.** *The one exception to this requirement is the Certificate of Insurance. Certificates of Insurance may be faxed to the Borough office (610-489-8827) by contractor's insurance company.*

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## **ITEMS FOR INCLUSION AT TIME OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

- 1) Completed "*Fence Permit Application*"
- 2) **TWO** (2) sets of Plot Plans (that is, "top down" orientation) including the following items:
  - Size of lot (preferred drawn to scale)
  - Location of existing structures (show distances to property lines & other structures)
  - Location of proposed improvements and/or structures
  - All relevant setbacks – *no setbacks from property line for a fence*
  - Elevations
  - Sections view (pretending to cut the object on a plane and showing the "sectional view")
  - Footprint size (dimensions) of all existing structures and impervious surfaces
- 3) List of fence material(s) and any other construction materials, concrete for post holes, etc.
- 4) Approval letter from Homeowner's Association for work/improvement to be done, if applicable (***Required if property is within a development managed by a Homeowner's Association***)
- 5) Any/all additional Building Permit Applications such as Plumbing, Electrical, etc. associated with this job. *See specific individual application packets for description of when they are required.*
- 6) Application fee(s)  
*All applicable permit fees (cash or check only; credit/debit cards not accepted at this time) are due at time of permit application submission. Please refer to the current year's "Fee Schedule" (available at [www.trappeborough.com](http://www.trappeborough.com)) for amount due.*
- 7) CONTRACTORS doing work for property owners must provide the following:
  - Certificate of Insurance including ...
    - property liability coverage in an amount equal to or greater than the costs of construction
    - adequate worker's compensation coverage
  - Completed "Worker's Compensation Insurance Form" – (*Borough form*) – *whenever the required Certificate of Insurance does not show Worker's Compensation coverage*
  - PA State Contractor's License and Registration number (if applicable)
  - Owner's Authorization Form (*additional Borough form*)  
***(Required if contractor is acting as applicant for property where work is to be done)***

All applications, forms, & resources referenced in this application are available at Borough Hall ~*OR*~ on the web at [www.trappeborough.com](http://www.trappeborough.com)

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## PERMIT APPLICATION: *FENCE*

### OWNER INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT INFORMATION: (Please provide **TWO** phone #s that give quickest access to owner)  
1. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ | 2. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone type):  Home  Work  Cell | (Phone type):  Home  Work  Cell  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT INFORMATION (if other than owner)

#### **NOTE TO CONTRACTORS:**

##### **You need to provide to us:**

- Certificate of Insurance
- Worker's Compensation form *if this is not indicated on Certificate of Insurance* (Borough form)

##### **If you are turning in application on behalf of the property owner, you also need to obtain from homeowner & bring with you:**

- Owner's Authorization form (**with homeowner's original signature when Borough receives it**)  
– *Faxed, emailed, electronically-signed, or photocopied signatures not accepted!*
- Homeowner's Association letter of approval (if property is part of HOA)

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
PA LICENSE (HIC #) \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PROPERTY INFORMATION

ADDRESS OF JOBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXISTING USE (*circle selection*):

Owner-occupied  Renter-occupied  Vacant  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential  Commercial/Non-Residential

INTENDED USE OF IMPROVEMENT (*indicate selection*):

Owner-occupied  Renter-occupied  Vacant  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT & FENCING INFORMATION

New Construction

Replacement of Existing

Wood

Vinyl

Composite

Wire: *Vinyl-coated*

Wire: *Non-coated*

Work being done by:

Property owner

Contractor

## VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION & PERMIT FEE DUE

Value of construction: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee for current year\* will be charged for permit.**

See "Fee Schedule" (available at [www.trappeborough.com](http://www.trappeborough.com)) to verify current rate.

**ACTUAL PERMIT FEE DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Trappe Borough"

\* At date of submission of application

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### FOR BOROUGH USE ONLY:

### ITEMS INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION SUBMISSION

#### APPLICABLE FEES:

\* Permit Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Surcharge: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\* See current fee schedule

#### PAYMENT INFO:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment type:           Cash           Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

- PAYMENT NOTED ABOVE
- PLANS / DOCUMENTATION
- CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE – (where applicable)
- WORKER'S COMP COVERAGE – (where applicable)
- HOA APPROVAL – (where applicable)
- ANY/ALL APPROVED ZONING PERMITS – (where applicable)

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**PARCEL ID #:**                   23-00-\_\_\_\_\_

**BLOCK:**                         \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT:**                         \_\_\_\_\_

**ZONING DISTRICT:**         \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMIT # ASSIGNED:**       \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_

PA-UCC Certified Plan Reviewer  
Building Code Official