

**BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL
RESIDENTIAL FENCING REGULATIONS
GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET**

No fence, other than shrubbery, shall be installed without approval of the Code Enforcement Officer. Any application for a fence, other than shrubbery, shall be accompanied by drawings showing a detailed section and the proposed location on the property. (180.92)

Functional Fence – A barrier constructed of material other than shrubbery erected for the purpose of protection, containment or enclosure. (Definition)

Functional Fencing – Functional fencing shall be permitted on the rear and side lot lines of any lot, provided that such fence is not more than four feet (4') high as measured from the common grade to the top of the fence, however all fences shall be located within established building lines of all abutting streets, and shall not exceed the address front face of the building. (180.92.1.2)

All fences shall have equally spaced open sections of the same dimension. No opening shall be less than three inches (3"), except for standard chain link fence, and at least fifty percent (50%) of the fence shall be open when viewed perpendicularly to the fence. (180.92.1)

Swimming Pool Privacy Fencing – A four to six foot high solid or closed-type fence is permitted for swimming pool enclosures, provided that such fence is within twelve feet (12') of the pool walls. (160.5.3.1.2)

Townhouse Privacy Fencing - Closed or solid wood, brick or stone fences shall be permitted on the rear dividing line between townhouses, provided that they are straight, not over six feet (6') high as measured from the common grade to the top of the fence and do not exceed more than eight feet (8') from the rear of the adjacent townhouse extending furthest into the rear area. The same structure, design and style of fence may be used for all townhouses in any unit. (180.92.1.4)

Ornamental Fence – A barrier constructed of split rail or other wooden material solely for decorative purposes. (Definition)

Ornamental Fencing – Two (2) sections, L-shaped, of ornamental fence shall be permitted as part of the landscaping at the front corners of the property or at driveway entrances, provided that they are within the property line and do not exceed four feet (4'), measured from the common grade to the top of the fence, in height or eight feet (8') in length on each side. (180.92.1.1)

A trellis or arbor, as part of landscaping plans, may be installed at any location behind the front building line. If located in the front yard area, approval must be obtained from the Planning Commission after submission of landscape plan. No trellis or arbor shall exceed seven feet (7') in height, measured from the common grade to the top of the trellis or arbor, or ten feet (10') in length with a minimum of eight feet (8') between units when viewed perpendicular to the length of the trellis or arbor. (180.92.1.1)

Fences as required by any State or Federal regulation or statute dealing with the possession or storage of potentially hazardous material, including but not limited to liquefied petroleum and propane gas shall be permitted in style and dimension not to exceed the minimum Federal or State regulation or statute. (180.92.1.4)