



TOWN OF MEDWAY
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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE FENCES

- Boundary lines must first be established and agreed upon with abutters.
- Where a dispute exists, land must be surveyed to establish boundaries, prior to fence installation.
- When there is no dispute, landowner may proceed with installation of fencing.
- Fencing shall be placed 17 inches within land boundary, to allow for future maintenance, and shall have a minimum set back from public roadways, of 4 feet, to allow for snow removal.
- Fences installed at intersecting ways of streets shall not cause sight pollution. Motorists must have clear view to right and left. If a question arises, the Fence Viewer or Safety Officer should be contacted, prior to installation, to avoid the necessity of removal.
- In all cases, the finished side of fences, where applicable, shall be facing the abutters' property.
- Barbed wire shall not be used within 6 feet of a pedestrian sidewalk, nor as boundary fences between properties, except in agricultural applications.
- The installation of fences does not require a permit, however where questions arise, the Fence Viewer should be contacted to eliminate the necessity of costly removals or relocations. Contact the Police Department for additional information.