



TOWN OF TURTLE

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FENCING PERMIT

PERMIT # _____

PERMIT FEES\$ _____

ISSUED TO: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

DATE ISSUED _____

PERMIT EXPIRES ONE (1) YEAR FROM DATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO OWNER OR CONTRACTOR

THIS NOTICE MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE PREMISES JUST AS SOON AS WORK IS COMMENCED AND KEPT SO POSTED UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETED.

Section 13.08 FENCES AND HEDGES

(a) **Definitions.** When used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth herein:

(1) A "fence" is a structure or partition made of wood, metal, or other materials erected for the purpose of enclosing a piece of land, or to divide a piece of land into distinct portions, or to separate two contiguous pieces of land.

(2) A "hedge" is a barrier formed by bushes, shrubs, small trees or similar plants closely planted together.

(b) **Height.** No person shall construct any fence more than 6 feet in height on any property in the Town of Turtle zoned as Residential District One (R-1) or Rural Residential (R-R). No person shall permit any hedge to grow taller than 6 feet in height on any property in the Town of Turtle zoned as Residential District One (R-1) or Rural Residential (R-R) where such hedge is nearer than 150 feet from any occupied premises other than the owner of such hedge.

(c) **Barbed Wire and Electric Fences.** No person shall construct or maintain a barbed wire or any fence charged with electricity on any property in the Town of Turtle zoned as Residential District One (R-1) or Rural Residential (R-R).

(d) **Hedges and Fences Near Public Streets.** All hedges and fences parallel to a private driveway which leads to a public street and all hedges and fences along a public sidewalk in any area of the Town of Turtle shall not be higher than 3 feet for a distance of 30 feet from the sidewalk or 30 feet from the street entrance to the driveway.

(e) **Encroachments.** No portion of any fence or hedge in any area of the Town of Turtle may extend into or overhang any property line, public right-of-way or public land unless the owner has secured a written and recorded easement therefor.

(f) **Repair.** All fences on any property in the Town of Turtle zoned as Residential District One (R-1) or rural Residential (R-R) shall be maintained by the owner in structurally sound condition and in good repair.

(g) **Order to Comply.** Where a hedge or fence is higher than permitted in subsections (b) and (d), the Building Inspector shall order the owner or occupant of said premises to make such hedge or fence comply with those provisions. This order shall be in writing and sent to the owner or occupant of the premises. If the owner or occupant does not comply with the order, the Town Board may order employees of the Town of Turtle to enter upon the premises and alter the fence or trim the hedge to comply with the provisions of this ordinance. The expense to the Town of Turtle of making the hedge or fence comply with the ordinance shall be charged to the owner of the premises and collected as a special assessment against the premises.

(h) **Permits.** No person shall construct a fence on any property in the Town of Turtle zoned as Residential District One (R-1) or Rural Residential (R-R) without a permit from the Building Inspector. The cost of the permit shall be established by the Town Board. The Building Inspector shall refuse to issue such permit if the proposed fence would render the use of streets and sidewalks unsafe, or if such fence would interfere with observation of pedestrian or vehicular traffic or would tend to depreciate adjacent property values.