



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
Department of Permitting,
Inspections and Enforcement



SITE/ROAD BULLETIN 2013-01

August 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Fence permit required if the fence encroaches within public road right-of-way or a public easement such as storm drain, conservation, surface drainage and floodplain.

PURPOSE: To streamline a fence permit application located within public easements.

EXEMPTION: Not applicable for installation of tree fencing, as required by the approved Tree Conservation Plan Type II.

PLAN REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete a fence permit application.
- Provide six (6) sets of plans (minimum paper sheet size of 8 1/2" x 11") of a completely dimensioned, preferably scaled house location plat survey or site plan, showing delineation of all property lines/existing structures, location of the existing easements, and proposed location of fence.
- Fence types allowed:
 1. Split-Rail-and-Post
 2. Picket
 3. Rail-and-Post
 4. Lattice-Screen
 5. Board-and-Board
 6. Country-Picket
 7. Chain Link

PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS:

1. A fence must be installed within the property lines.
2. A fence must be installed outside of the public right-of-way line.
3. A fence location cannot block a motorist's line of sight.
4. Except for rail-and-post fence, no fence is to be installed across a stormwater flow path or surface drainage easement(s) without providing at least a 6-inch opening

from the bottom of the fence to the ground to allow runoff to pass through the fence.

5. No fence can be installed perpendicular to the stream centerline or across a floodplain easement(s).
6. No fence or any part of the fence can encroach on or be installed over existing storm drain structures such as manholes and inlets.
7. No fence will be allowed to be placed along the center line of an existing storm drain easement(s).
8. No fence can encroach on WSSC water and sewer easements.
9. In an extreme or special circumstance that approval is granted for a fence or part thereof to be constructed within a public County easement, a covenant that will be provided by the county is to be signed by the owner(s) of the property and must be recorded in Prince George's County Land Records prior to any permit being issued.

REVIEW FEE: \$20.00

CONSTRUCTION PROCESS:

1. Call Miss Utility, 1-866-821-4226, before you dig, as all utilities must be located and marked prior to start of construction.
2. Fencing is to be erected in a straight line with no sagging between the posts.
3. Corner and line posts must be well anchored and vertical.
4. Gate posts must be well founded to allow the gate to swing freely.
5. Posts anchored in concrete should be at least three (3) inches above the ground to keep moisture from the post.
6. Wire fabric fencing must be stretched tight and should have a top rod from post to post.
7. If wire fencing comes with a plastic coating, care should be taken to avoid damage to the coating. If the coating is damaged, it should be repaired quickly to prevent rusting of the wire.
8. Stockpiling material in the street or on any public right-of-way is not permitted.
9. Stabilize all disturbed areas.
10. Call DPIE for a final inspection at 301-883-5710.

This Bulletin is effective immediately.

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Site/Road Plan Review