

CITY OF ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA
APPLICATION FOR FENCE PERMIT, ZONING REVIEW

IMPORTANT – Applicant must complete all shaded items which apply and place signature on last page. A fee of \$15 is required for basic zoning review.

FENCE LOCATION _____ **LOT SIZE** _____

APPLICANT NAME _____

APPLICANT ADDRESS _____ **PHONE NO.** _____

OWNER NAME _____

OWNER ADDRESS _____ **PHONE NO.** _____

JOB DESCRIPTION – Please sketch your lot and your proposed fence on the following page. Please provide whatever notes are necessary. Keep in mind the City's requirements below for fences (which are the same in every zoning district).

- A. Fences and walls may be erected, altered, and maintained in any district within the setbacks, provided that
 1. **any wall or fence forward of the front yard setback or side yard setback abutting a street shall not exceed thirty inches (30") in height. Such fences may extend upward to a maximum height of four feet (4') if the fence is at least 50% open.**
 2. **any fence in the rear yard or non-street side yard shall be permitted a maximum height of seven feet (7'). Such fences may extend upward to a maximum height of ten feet (10') if the fence is at least 50% open.**
 3. this provision shall not apply to retaining walls or vegetated screening.
- B. Fences and walls may be erected, altered, and maintained in front yards provided that the provisions of Section 415, "Obstruction to Vision", and Paragraph 1 of this Section are met.
- C. Barbed wire, electric fences and razor wire shall not be permitted except at a height exceeding seven (7') feet from grade level.
- D. The Zoning Hearing Board may waive these provisions by means of a Special Exception if extenuating circumstances warrant, and the basic tenor of this Section is upheld.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ZONING OFFICER

DOES REQUEST REQUIRE ZONING HEARING BOARD ACTION? YES _____ NO _____

VARIANCE _____ SPECIAL EXCEPTION _____ APPEAL _____

CIRCLE ONE: APPROVED DENIED

IF DENIED, REASON FOR DENIAL:

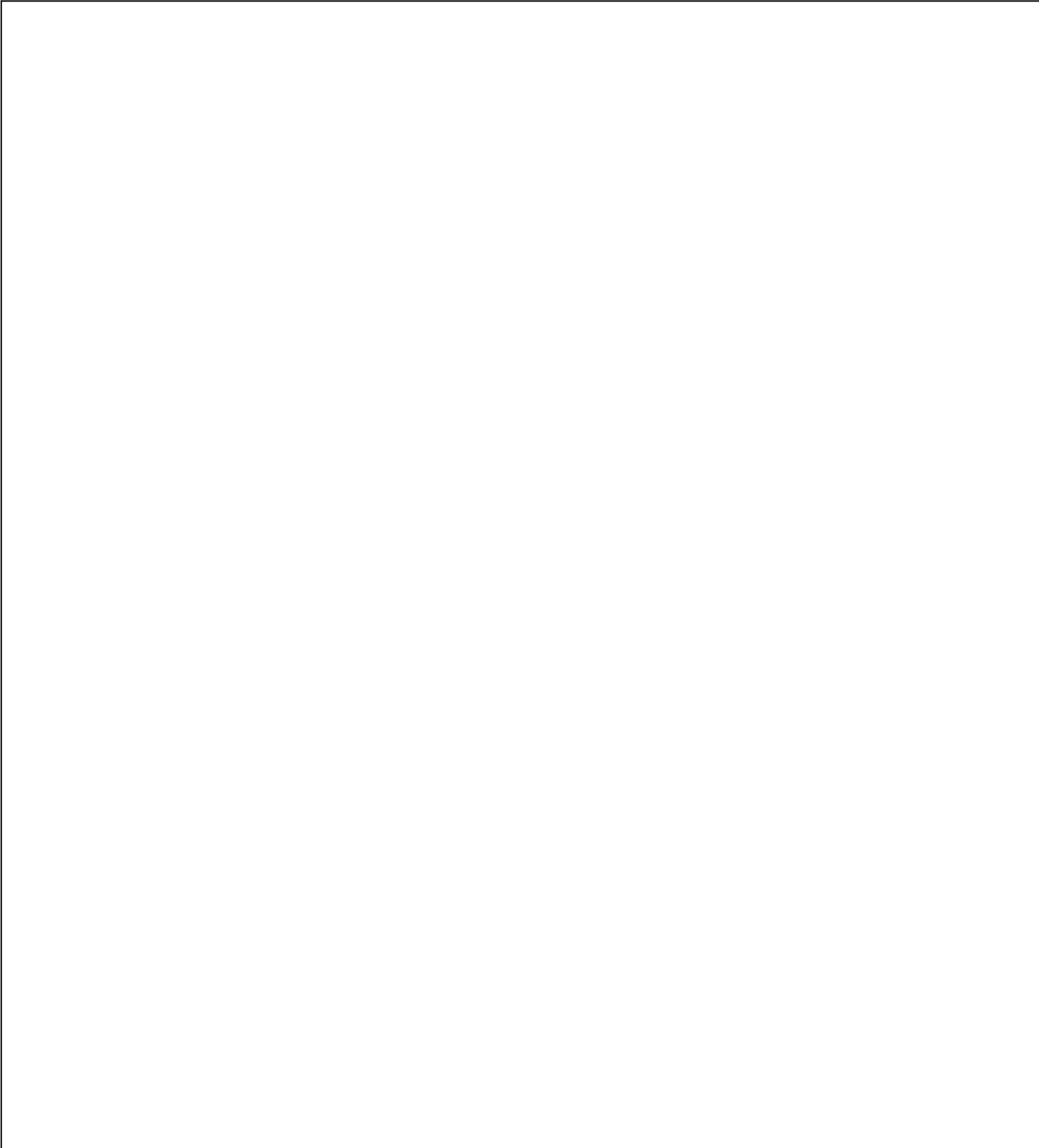
ZONING OFFICER SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

DATE PERMIT ISSUED: _____

FOR APPLICANT USE – PLEASE CHECK ONE

SITE OR PLOT PLAN (SKETCH BELOW)

SEE ATTACHED DRAWINGS



Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

FENCES AND WALLS (explanatory notes only)

Forward of – in front of – the FRONT YARD SETBACK * [see front setbacks below]	30" solid or 4' if 50% open
SIDE YARD SETBACK - ABUTTING A STREET	30" solid or 4' if 50% open
REAR YARD	7' solid or 10' if 50% open
NON-STREET SIDE YARD (INTERIOR)	7' solid or 10' if 50% open
FRONT YARD FENCES AND WALLS --	Cannot Obstruct Vision **
Barbed wire, electric fences, razor wire --	Not Permitted - except at over 7' from grade level
Zoning Hearing Board may waive provisions by Special Exception - if extenuating circumstances warrant - and the basic tenor of this Section is upheld.	

*Front yard setbacks by Zone –	
Suburban Residential	- 25'
Single Household Residential	- 25'
Limited Residential	- 20'
Multiple Household Residential	- 20'
Urban Residential	- 20'
Mixed Residential-Commercial	- 20'
Commercial-Neighborhood Business	- 10'-30'
Commercial-Central Business	- 0'-10'
Commercial-Highway Business	- 15'
Industrial-Light	- 20'
Industrial-General	- 15'

**Section 415 in Title 3, "Obstruction to Vision" -

"Walls, fences, signs, or other structures shall not be erected or altered, and hedges, trees, or other growth shall be planted or maintained, **which may cause danger to traffic on a street or road by obstructing the view, or which may cause a hindrance or danger to pedestrian traffic.**"

Note: For example, "50% open" would be like - 2" slat, 2" space, 2" slat, 2" space, etc.