

**North Whitehall Township**  
 3256 Levans Road, Coplay PA 18037  
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**FENCE  
 (ZONING)  
 Permit Application**



MAIL  PICK UP

**A. FENCE TYPE**

CHAIN LINK  SHADOW BOX  PICKET  
 SPLIT RAIL  STOCKADE  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**FENCE MATERIAL**

WOOD  VINYL  ALUMINUM  
 PLASTIC  PVC  METAL

**LOCATION OF FENCE**  FRONT YARD  REAR YARD  SIDE YARD

**HEIGHT OF FENCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Identification**

TAX MAP OR PIN \_\_\_\_\_ (TWP.) Zoning District \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Other Permits & Plan Requirements: (PLEASE READ AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW)**

- PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF PERMITS FROM ALL OTHER AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS APPLICATION.  
 PA DOT HOP   PA DEPT OF AG   PA DEPT OF L&I   PA DEP
- AN EROSION AND SEDIMENT POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN MUST BE DEVELOPED FOR ALL EARTHMOVING ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BUILDING / ZONING PERMIT. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THIS PLAN WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION. THE LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LCCD) MAY BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW THIS PLAN TO DETERMINE ITS ADEQUACY. AN NPDES CO-PERMITTEE LETTER MAY BE REQUIRED FROM THE LCCD PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING OR ZONING PERMIT.

NOTE: A BUILDING / ZONING PERMIT MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL VERIFICATION OF THESE PERMITS / PLAN REQUIREMENTS ARE PROVIDED TO THE ZONING OFFICE.

Is this application being made by the property owner?   Contractor?   Tenant?

NOTE: Submission of this application grants authorized representatives of North Whitehall Township access to this property at any reasonable time to inspect and verify the proposed use and/or structure contained within this application is in compliance with all North Whitehall Township zoning ordinances.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION BY THE APPLICANT(S)/OWNER IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF OWNER \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		
APPLICATION REC'D. _____ (DATE)	PERMIT ISSUED _____ (DATE)	ISSUED BY: _____ (BUILDING OFFICIAL)
APPLICATION FEE _____	PERMIT NUMBER _____	ZONING APPEAL CASE _____
ZONING PERMIT FEE _____	CHECK NUMBER _____	RECEIPT NUMBER _____
TOTAL FEES _____		CONDITIONS _____

NOTE: A DRAWING DEPICTING THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED STRUCTURES AND THEIR SETBACKS FROM PROPERTY LINES OR OTHER STRUCTURES **MUST** BE PROVIDED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

7. Fences and Walls.

- a. Fences and walls are permitted by right in all Districts. Any fence or wall shall be durably constructed and well maintained. Fences that have deteriorated shall be replaced or removed. A zoning permit is required for all fences and walls other than seasonal temporary snow fences and temporary fences around active construction sites. Such temporary fences may have a maximum height of eight feet in a residential district.
- b. Sight Distance, Stormwater and Easements. No fence, wall or hedge shall obstruct the sight distance requirements of Section 803.C., nor obstruct safe sight distance within an alley. No fence or wall shall obstruct the flow of stormwater, except if approved as part of a Township-approved stormwater system. No fence or wall shall be constructed within an active utility easement in such a way that it would substantially inhibit use and maintenance of the easement for its intended purpose.
- c. Fences
  - 1) Front Yard. Any fence located in the required front yard of a lot in a residential district shall: a) be an open-type of fence (such as picket or split rail) with a minimum ratio of 1:1 of open to structural areas, b) not exceed five feet in height and c) be constructed entirely of wood (plus any required fasteners and any wire mesh attached on the inside of the fence), or wrought iron or other material that closely resembles wood or wrought iron.
  - 2) A fence shall not be required to comply with minimum setbacks for accessory structures.
  - 3) Height. No maximum height shall apply to fences that are not within a residential district. A fence located in a residential district in a location other than a required front yard shall have a maximum height of six feet, except:
    - a) a maximum of height of 12 feet is permitted to enclose a tennis or racquet sport court or a non-household swimming pool or an electric substation provided that such fence is setback a minimum of 10 feet from all lot lines or
    - b) if an applicant clearly proves in writing to the satisfaction of the Zoning Officer that a higher fence is needed to protect public safety around a specific hazard, such as around an electric substation or
    - c) an eight feet high fence is permitted surrounding livestock or an approved Fairgrounds.
  - 4) Setbacks. No fence shall be built within an existing or dedicated future right-of-way of a street. A fence of a dwelling may be constructed without a setback from a lot line in a residential district, but a one-foot or greater setback is recommended to provide for future maintenance of the fence. A fence for a non-residential use shall be setback a minimum of five feet from any abutting lot line of an existing dwelling or an undeveloped residentially zoned lot. No fence shall be located within the paved area setback required under Section 603.
  - 5) Any fence that has one side that is smoother and/or more finished than the second side should be, but is not required to be, placed so that smoother and/ or more finished side faces away from the area that is enclosed, unless the fence abuts a business use.
  - 6) Fence materials. Barbed wire shall not be used as part of fences around dwellings. Electrically charged fences shall only be used to contain farm animals, and shall be of such low intensity that they will not permanently injure humans. No fence shall be constructed out of fabric, junk, junk vehicles, appliances, tanks or barrels.
  - 7) A fence may be placed onto top of a permitted wall, provided that the total height to the top of the fence does not exceed the maximum permitted fence height.
- d. Walls -
  - 1) Engineered retaining walls necessary to hold back slopes are exempted from setback regulations and the regulations of this section, and are permitted by right as needed in all Districts.
  - 2) No wall of greater than three feet shall be located in the required front yard in a residential district, except as a backing for a permitted sign at an entrance to a development.
  - 3) A wall in a residential district outside of a required front yard shall have a maximum height of three feet if it is within the minimum accessory structure setback and six feet if it is not.
  - 4) Walls that are attached to a building shall be regulated as a part of that building, and the regulations of this Section shall not apply.
- e. Gates. All fences, walls or continuous hedges more than four feet in height shall be equipped with gates or other suitable passageways at intervals of not more than 250 feet.