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Submittal Requirements for Commercial Fences

Fence Permits

A fence permit is required to install any type of fence in Montgomery County. A permit application for a fence installed on the private property line must be accompanied by a letter of approval from the adjacent property owner. A separate permit will be needed for any segment of the fence crossing a lot line. Occasionally, lot conditions require approvals from other agencies such as easement holders, or homeowner associations. Any dispute as to whether a fence has extended into a neighbor's property or questions about the location of property lines is a legal matter to be resolved by the property owners.

Replacement of an existing fence originally installed with a fence permit, (with the same kind of fence in the same location at the same height) does not require a fence permit. If an existing fence was not installed with a fence permit, the replacement fence must have a fence permit.

If a new fence is going to be installed in a side yard or front yard abutting a County maintained roadway, the permittee must contact the [Right of Way Inspector](#).

Submittal Documents

The submittal as a minimum shall include the following:

Architectural

1. Site Plan
 - a. Location of fence, property lines and other existing structures, entrances & exists to buildings, and public ways as applicable to the project scope.
 - b. Distances to property lines and structures/buildings.
 - c. Gates - opening dimensions & direction of swing
2. Fence Drawings/Details
 - a. Height of fence.
 - b. Material of fence.

Structural (required for fences over 7'-0" tall)

1. Drawing showing fence plan layout, fence support framing and foundation.
2. Structural notes. The notes shall include applicable code and referenced standards. Material properties and grades of materials used. Wind load utilized in the design of the fence structure and its foundation.
3. Soil parameters utilized in the foundation design.
4. Structural sections and details showing attachment of the fence support structure to the foundation, column / post base details and the required depth and reinforcing of the foundation.
5. Notes on the drawings requesting verification of all soil related design assumptions, by a geotechnical engineer registered in Maryland, prior to commencement of construction.

Drawings to be submitted for the scope of work shall meet the requirements listed under ["Submittal Guidelines for Commercial Permits."](#)

