



HAMPSTEAD
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FENCES AND HEDGES

PERMIT APPLICATION AND USEFUL INFORMATION



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When applying for a fence or hedge permit, there are some important steps to take to avoid complications. One of these important steps is to determine the position of the fence. If the fence is to be erected on the shared property line, a written permission from the neighbour or neighbours to place the fence on the property line must be submitted to the town. If the neighbours refuse to share the fence, the fence must be positioned so that it is entirely on private property.

FOR THE FENCES AND HEDGES PERMIT APPLICATION, veuillez soumettre les documents suivants :

These documents can be submitted through My Hampstead or in person at town hall (when possible).

- ☐ Duly completed permit application form
- ☐ Estimate and detailed description of the work to be done
- ☐ Name and contact information of the company doing the work
- ☐ One (1) PDF copy or one (1) paper copy of the certificate of location showing the existing condition of the property
- ☐ One (1) PDF copy and of plans showing the location of the proposed fence or hedge
- ☐ Manufacturer's specifications sheet with photos (for fences)
- ☐ Permit application fee paid

FENCE AND HEDGES POSITIONING

All fences and hedges must comply with the following location requirements:

- Be on private property and under no circumstances encroach on a public right-of-way.
- Front and secondary front yard fences and hedges must follow the conditions prescribed below:
 - They may be erected in front of the building's facades.
 - They must be erected at a minimum distance of 0.6m from the front or secondary front boundary line.
 - For corner lots, only one (1) fencing or hedge is allowed in front of a building façade per property.
 - On corner lots, fences and hedges must comply with triangle of visibility provisions.

- All fences and hedges must be installed inside the property limits.
- A hedge must be installed in front of all fences that are situated in a front yard or a secondary front yard in order to reduce the visibility of the fences from the street.

FENCES AND HEDGES HEIGHT

All fences and hedges must comply with the following maximum heights, as measured from the grade (ground level):

- 1.5 metres for fences, hedges and shrubs in a front or secondary front yard
- 2.5 metres for fences, hedges and shrubs in a side or rear yard
- When rear or side boundary lines of a landsite share the public right-of-way, the maximum permitted height of a fence or hedge is 2 metres when located within 3 metres of the thoroughfare or sidewalk.

MATERIALS AUTHORIZED FOR FENCES

Only the following materials are permitted for the erection of fences:

- Treated, painted, stained or varnished wood
- Wood in its natural state for rustic fences made of hemlock or cedar
- Pre-painted metal and enameled steel
- Painted wrought iron
- PVC
- Chain links for side and back fences

FENCES AND HEDGES PERMIT APPLICATION COST

Tariffs By-law 1010 is available in By-laws and Regulations on the Town's website.

SANCTIONS

Installation of fences and hedges without a permit will result in a stop work with a \$1000 - \$2000 fine for individuals and \$2000 - \$4000 for corporations for a first offence. For subsequent offences a \$2000 - \$4000 fine for an individual and a \$4000 - \$8000 fine for a corporation.