

SO YOU WANT TO: ERECT A FENCE

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING FOR A BUILDING PERMIT

Wetlands:

Fences within 100 feet of wetlands do not initiate wetlands review provided:

- Land is not cleared for installation.
- Installation does not involve machine excavating
- Fences do not go into the wetlands or cross streams
- Filling or grading is not involved

If any of these apply you should discuss your plans with the Wetlands Official to determine what information might be required. (http://www.madisonct.org/Inland_Wetlands/inlwethome.htm)

Zoning:

Fences are not regulated by zoning, provided they are no more than six feet tall, measured from the adjacent grade. (Note that they cannot block the line of sight at intersections and should be far enough from the property line to allow for maintenance)

Health Department:

The Health Department does not regulate fences, however care should be taken not to connect the underground posts with any part of the leaching field or to make septic tank cleaning more difficult.

COMPLETING THE PERMIT (*For fences more than 6 feet tall and for fences surrounding a swimming pool; other fences do not require building permits. Submit all parts of the permit application together*)

1. Building Permit Form including structural information detail.
2. Include a site plan with the following minimum information.
 - Property survey or lot dimensions.
 - Location of the proposed fence.