

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

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“Replacement” Fencing Along A Street

Fencing along street frontages is considered to be the “front door” to the community; as a result, its design is important to the Town.

New Fencing: All *new* fences, gates, or freestanding columns along a street require design review, either by the Town’s Architecture and Design Review Board or the Planning Staff (through the Administrative Review process), before applying for the Building Permit (which is also required). Application materials are available in the Planning Office.

Replacement Fencing: Replacing existing fencing along a street does not require design review. “*Replacement*” means the same design, the same materials, the same height, the same location. Replacement fencing requires a Building Permit.

When fences along streets are replaced, they must meet current Town standards. For example:

- All private fencing must be located on private property and not within the Town’s right-of-way (even if the existing fence is in the right-of-way, the replacement fence must be on private property);
- The height of the replacement fence may not exceed the height of the existing fence, but the maximum height permitted is eight (8) feet;
- Landscaping is required in front of fencing along street frontages, between the parking strip (if any) and the fencing.

Building Permit applications for replacement fencing along a street must include:

- A photograph of the existing fence to be replaced;
- A dimensioned site plan which includes all off the area between the street and the proposed replacement fence, including an accurate representation of the property line, the fencing and posts, the parking strip (if any), the curb/gutter, etc.; and,
- A section, through the footing, of the proposed fence and fence post.

If you have any questions, call 650/375-7411.