

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH
BUILDING DEPARTMENT



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Fences

Permits required- Building Permits are required for all fence installations in the Town of Southborough; while the Building code exempts permitting requirements for fences 6' and under, local zoning regulations require setbacks that must be verified with a building Permit and Plot Plan.

Setbacks- For fences 6' in height and less, it is recommended that the fence is installed 3' away from property line, this will allow you to perform maintenance on both sides of your fence when maintenance is required.

Fences 6' in height and less are allowed to be installed on the property line

Fences over 6' in height are considered Structures by zoning definition and will have to meet accessory structure setbacks, they are not allowed in front yards and must meet a side and rear setback of 10'.

Certified "As-Built" Plot Plan required- Any proposal to construct a new building, structure, accessory structure (Shed, Fence, Swimming pool) or alter the footprint of existing structure will require you to provide the Town with an "As-Built" plot plan from a Registered Land surveyor prior to final inspection.

Pool Fences- Pool fences shall be at least 4' high, access gates shall be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Additional information available on swimming pools at Appendix G 780 CMR MA Building Code

Please call or e-mail me should you have additional questions:

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