



**FENCE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**  
**Building Department**  
**301 W Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**  
**(989) 725-0535**  
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**Residential Fee \$85**

**PERMIT APPLICATION ADDRESS:**

Fence work:	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Gate	
Fence style:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chain link	<input type="checkbox"/> Picket (wood or vinyl)	<input type="checkbox"/> Board-on-Board (wood or vinyl)	<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Private (vinyl) 6" board 7/8" gap or 3" board 1/2" or 3/4" gap
Fence material:	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal	
Fence length:		Fence height:		
Is there an existing fence at the proposed location? YES NO				

**PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION/AFFIDAVIT:**

*I do hereby certify that I am the owner of the property herein described and that I have given the Contractor herein named permission to perform the work described in this application and accompanying documentation, which are a part of this application. I further give permission to the City of Owosso to access my property for purposes of a site inspection of the fence.*

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Cell:

E-mail:

Signature of Property Owner:

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):**

Name:

Company Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Cell:

E-mail:

Signature of Contractor:

**Office use only**

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

☐ Comments:

Date:

Signature of Plan Reviewer:

- **HEIGHT AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS:**
  - 6 feet in height MAXIMUM in the rear or side lot
  - 18 inches' setback from sidewalk
  - Front yard fences:
    - 30 inches if made of material which may obstruct vision (picket fence)
    - Must be less than 50 percent solid above a height of 30 inches and not exceed 4 feet in total height
    - 4 feet tall if open weave or chain link
  - 30 inches tall for 25 feet in any direction from the right-of-way, along driveway/alley that intersects a street
  - Fences in front yards that function as exterior side yards must follow front yard restrictions unless the fence is installed at least 19 feet back from the right-of-way
  - Corner clearance: No fence above a height of 30 inches from the curb or centerline of the street pavement shall be permitted within the triangular area formed at the intersection of any street right-of-way lines by a straight line drawn between the right-of-way lines at a distance along each line of twenty-five (25) feet from their point of intersection.
  - No fence shall extend across property lines

- **PERMITTED STYLES & MATERIALS:**
  - Chain link (metal)
  - Picket (wood or vinyl)
  - Board-on-board (wood or vinyl)
  - The finished side of the wood fence shall face the neighbors

- Barbed wire Electric current or charge of electricity
- Glass, spikes or other sharp protruding object
- Junk or other debris
- Scrap building materials or metals
- Organic materials known to be poisonous or hazardous
- Other materials deemed unsafe by city official

- Existing buildings and structures
- Property lines and easements
- Location/dimensions of existing fence
- Location/dimensions of proposed fence

- **Appeals** – deviations from established fence regulations may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals
- The burden of proof of the exact location of all lot lines shall rest with the property owner
- All fences are to be installed completely to manufacturer's instructions
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