



# City of Buhl

## Building Department

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### FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

| PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD  |  | CONTRACTOR/MANAGER |  |
|---|--|--------------------|--|
| Name:   |  | Name:              |  |
| Address:  |  | Address:           |  |
| Zip:  |  | Zip:               |  |
| Phone:  |  | Phone #:           |  |
| Email:  |  | Email:             |  |
| Is the property owner doing the construction?   |  | License #:         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |  | Expiration:        |  |
| <b>Please complete and answer ALL questions.</b>  |  |                    |  |
| If submitting a printed copy of the application, include one set of site plans to scale as instructed (see attached instructions). Electronic submittals of the permit application and site plan must be sent as a packet to <a href="mailto:jazmine.m@cityofbuhl.us">jazmine.m@cityofbuhl.us</a> |  |                    |  |

1. Parcel #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. RPB0S00E000000—obtained on your tax information or from the County Assessor’s Office)
2. Copy of deed showing ownership, including legal description (obtained at the County Clerk’s Office).
3. Person to notify regarding the permit: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ Block #: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Project Address (if known): \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are there other structures on this parcel?                       Yes                       No
9. Corner Lot:     Yes                       No
10. Construction Type:     New     Remodel     Repair     Addition     Renewal     Fire Damage
11. Zoning District:                       Residential                       Commercial                       Industrial
12. Fence Location:                       Front yard                       Back yard                       Side yard(s)
13. Fence Height:                      Front \_\_\_\_\_ Back \_\_\_\_\_ Side \_\_\_\_\_
14. Material & Type of Fence: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Estimated Value: \_\_\_\_\_

## SITE PLAN INSTRUCTIONS

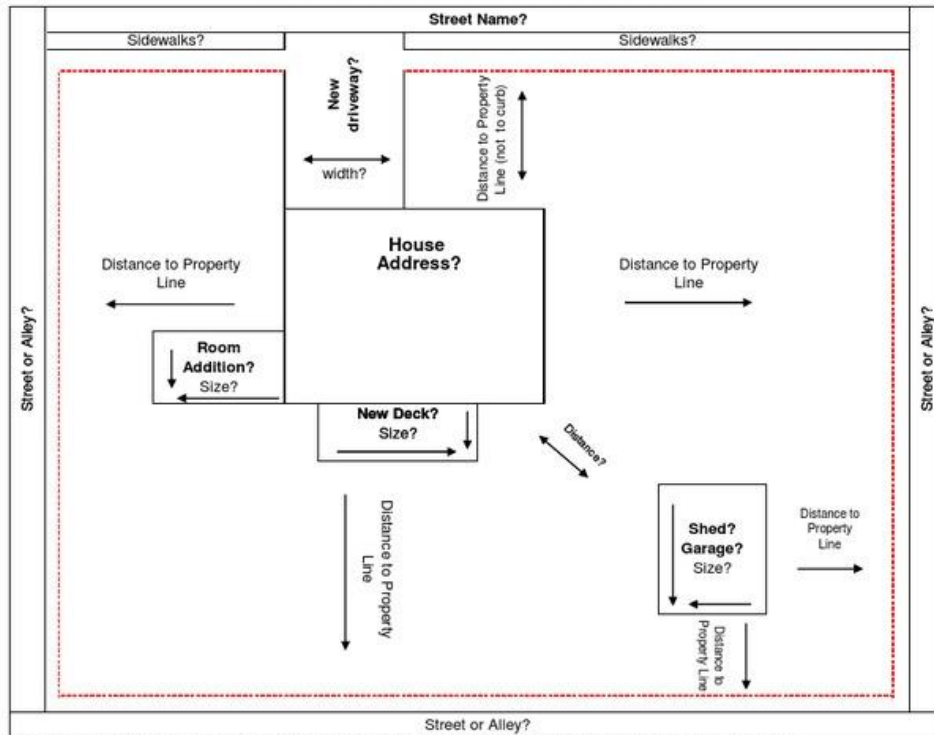
Digital PDF **or** paper site plan illustrating the location of the fence in relation to the street, house, and any open space or pathways on a minimum of 8 ½” x 11” paper.

- A. The site plan must be a Mechanical Drawing drawn with descriptive precision using the aid of drafting implements such as rulers, T squares, compasses, French Curves, etc. It May be drawn either by hand or computer generated.
- B. Must be to scale using an accurate drawing scale (for example: “1 in. = 10 ft.”, “1 in. = 100 ft.” etc.) and on a minimum of 8 ½” x 11”. Should additional sheets be needed, please use match points.
- C. Show the boundaries of the parcel, including the dimensions (found on the survey).
- D. Show the location and dimensions of all existing buildings and structures.
- E. Show the location of the proposed project or division, including the structure dimensions and distances to property lines and existing buildings and structures.
- F. Show the location of all proposed and existing utilities, including power, phone, water, sewer systems, reserve drain fields, etc.
- G. Show the location and dimensions of all existing and proposed roads, driveways, parking areas, rights-of-ways, and easements.
- H. Show the location of any distinguishing physical features located on or adjacent to the property, including, but not limited to: streams, culverts, drainage ways, wetlands, slopes, bluffs, etc.
- I. If you have questions regarding these instructions, please see the example provided below. If you have questions not covered in the example, please call (208) 543-5650, for assistance.

### **EXAMPLE SITE PLAN**

The site plan must be computer-generated, to scale, and on a minimum of 11” x 17” paper and legible.

#### How to Draw a Basic Site Plan



The Inspection Department recommends that when drawing a site plan, that you draw as close to scale as possible.

**READ AND INITIAL THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I have reviewed the attached copy of the Buhl Fence and Wall regulations and understand that I must comply with these regulations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I understand this fence permit does not address property line locations and that it is my responsibility to ensure the fence is built on my property.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that I need to schedule a fence inspection once the installation is complete.

Inspection requests must be made as soon as possible.  
 Contact City Hall to schedule the inspection at 208-543-5650.

I am applying for a permit to perform the work described above.

I confirm that I have carefully reviewed this application and certify that all the information provided is accurate and complete.

As the applicant, I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that all work, materials, and inspections comply with the State and City codes, ordinances, and Building Department regulations before they are used or occupied. I agree that the work outlined in the plans and specifications will be carried out in accordance with the relevant regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Contractor/Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Owner (if owner-builder)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Plans Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Plans Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zoning Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Pick-Up Notification: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Building Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**PERMIT FEES**

Valuation of Work: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permit Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plan Check Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (25% of permit fee)  
 Copies: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Collected By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant received the approved permit & plans via:  
 In-person     Email

**CHAPTER  
15 FENCES  
AND  
WALLS**

SECTION:

**9-15-1: Regulations**

**9-15-2: Residential District Requirements**

**9-15-3: Provisions For Public Right Of Way**

**9-15-4: Height Restrictions**

**9-15-1: REGULATIONS:**

Fences are permitted accessory uses in all districts and shall be regulated by the city building inspector. The following regulations shall govern the type, location, and construction of all fences. When a fence is erected not in conjunction with a building permit for a principal use or building, a separate permit is required.

- A. Electric Fences And Barbed Wire Fences: Electric fences and barbed wire fences are prohibited within the city except in those instances where it can be demonstrated to the building inspector that such use is solely for the containment of animals kept in compliance with city animal control regulations and the fence is not located on the public right of way. The building inspector shall have the authority to revoke authorization for an electric fence or barbed wire fence upon declaration of a finding by him that such fence would be detrimental to public health, safety, or welfare, or would be potentially injurious to persons, properties, or improvements in the vicinity.
- B. Barbed Wire In Commercial And Industrial Districts: Barbed wire may be permitted in commercial and industrial districts only when used as the top section for security fences and shall be a minimum of seventy-two inches (72") above grade to the bottom wire.
- C. Access To Utility Meter; Fire Hydrant: Any existing fence or fence to be constructed that restricts access to any utility meter shall provide a way of access through the fence by hand gate. In addition, no fence shall be constructed within thirty-six inches (36") of a fire hydrant.
- D. Open Vision Fences: Open vision fences may be built to the property line in commercial and industrial districts.
- E. Walls, Latticework And Screens: For the purposes of this chapter, walls, latticework, and screens shall be considered to be fences and shall be built and maintained in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.
- F. Use Of Unsightly Materials: The use of boxes, sheet metal, old or decayed wood, broken masonry blocks, or other unsightly materials for fencing shall be prohibited. (1974 Code § 4-1601)

**9-15-2: RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS:**

Fences may be erected in all residential districts subject to the following:

- A. Solid or closed vision fences to a height of thirty-six inches (36"), or open vision type fences to a height of forty-eight inches (48") may be built from the front of the dwelling unit to and including the

front property line. Fences to a height of seventy-two inches (72") may be built from the front of the dwelling unit to and including the rear property line;

B. Any open vision fence, wall, or planting on or within the clear vision triangle shall be limited to thirty-six inches (36") in height measured from the crown of the street; and

C. Solid or closed non-vision fences to a height of thirty-six inches (36") or open vision type fences to a height of forty-eight inches (48") may be built along the front property line and along the side property line to the front of the dwelling unit, except that a fence of seventy-two inches (72") in height may be built upon street and side property lines from the front of the dwelling to the rear property line; provided, that no closed non-vision fence which exceeds thirty-six inches (36") in height may be erected in the clear vision triangle.

D. When fences greater than six feet (6') are proposed, the applicant for the fence building permit shall submit their request for a permit to the planning and zoning commission for design review.

E. Any developer intending to construct a boundary fence on the boundaries of a proposed subdivision shall show the fence on the preliminary plat and shall include with the preliminary plat the design, placement, height, specifications, and drawings of said fence. (1974 Code § 4-1602)

### **9-15-3: PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY:**

The policy for the permission to and the conditions and restrictions imposed by the permission to construct and erect fences within the public right of way is hereby established as follows:

A. Sidewalk Or Walkway: Where a sidewalk five (5) or more feet wide exists, an applicant may construct a fence immediately adjacent to the sidewalk on the dwelling side. When a sidewalk does not exist, the applicant must provide a reasonably level walkway not less than five feet six inches (5'6") wide if adjacent to a collector or arterial street, or four feet six inches (4'6") wide if adjacent to a local street, measured from the back of the curb or curb line;

B. Design: The design of the fence shall receive prior approval by the city building inspector and must be built in compliance with such prior approval and in accordance with plans and specifications submitted;

C. Height: Fences shall not exceed four feet (4') in height in the front setback area or six feet (6') in height elsewhere on property to be fenced and shall otherwise comply with this title; (1974 Code § 4-1603)

D. Compliance With Building Code: Regardless of the type of material used, fences shall be built of materials meeting building code requirements for structural stability, fire resistance, and safety; (1974 Code § 4-1603; amd. 2010 Code)

E. Removal Required: Fences and all appurtenant structures or footings constructed on easements or public rights of way shall be removed at the expense of the property owner within thirty (30) days after proper notification by the city building inspector;

F. Work Between Fence And Curb Or Street: All work (i.e., grading, seeding, or paving between the proposed fence to be erected on public property and the curb or street travel way) shall be at the expense of the property owner and in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the city;

G. Building Permits Required: If the city building inspector approves the application, the applicant must obtain a building permit from the city, Buhl highway district, or state DOT as applicable before commencing the construction or erection of said fence;

H. Revocation: With or without notice, the license, privilege and permission to construct and erect a fence upon and within a public right of way is subject to revocation at the will of the city or owner of said right of way, and any expense incurred by the applicant in the construction and erection of a fence within the public right of way shall be done at the applicant's own expense and risk; and

I. Agreement: The applicant will, upon the approval of the city building inspector of the right, privilege and permission to construct and erect a fence, execute an agreement that the applicant shall acquire no property or contractual right in and to such public right of way, that the applicant will reimburse the city for any damage to the city and third parties, and such other provisions as the city may request. Whenever the city, Buhl highway district, or state DOT, deems it necessary as a proper police measure to vacate and revoke such fence permit, the applicant has no alternative but to comply with the order of revocation.

J. Illustration Of Fence Regulations: For an illustration of fence regulations, see appendix attached to the zoning ordinance on file in the office of the city clerk-treasurer. (1974 Code § 4-1603)

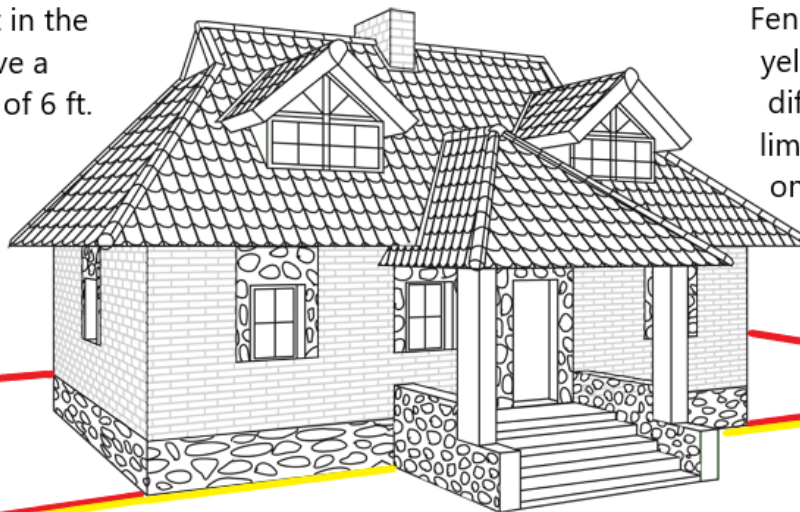
**9-15-4: HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:**

Subject to the other restrictions contained in this chapter, the maximum fence heights in each zoning district shall be as follows:

| Zone        | Height   |
|-------------|----------|
| Residential | 6.0 feet |
| Commercial  | 6.0 feet |
| Industrial  | 8.0 feet |

However, in all cases in subsection 9-15-2D of this chapter, where a fence greater than six feet (6') is proposed, the applicant for the fence building permit shall submit the request for permit to the planning and zoning commission for design review. (1974 Code § 4-1604)

Fences built in the red area have a height limit of 6 ft.



Fences built in the yellow area have different height limits depending on the building material.

4 ft = see-through  
3 ft = solid