

## SECTION II

### AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER XII, GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Allegan Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 12.33, "Fences". The new section will read as follows:

#### **Section 12.33. Fences**

Fences are permitted, or required, subject to the following:

1. Fences on all lots of record in all residential districts which enclose property and/or are within a required side or rear yard, shall not exceed 6.0 feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the house, or the minimum required front yard, whichever is greater, unless the fence can be seen through. Fences may be constructed on the property line.
2. Fences up to four (4) feet in height may be erected from the front edge of the dwelling to within fifteen (15) feet of the road right of way unless the fence is of chain link or split rail then it may be erected from the front edge of the dwelling to and along the road right of way.
3. Fences in all districts shall be constructed such that supporting posts and framework are on the interior or fence owner's side of the fence and that the sheathing or facing of the exterior as seen from adjoining properties or the street is the more presentable and attractive side of the fence. Also, consideration should be given to whether a proposed fence enhances the neighborhood or blocks scenic views for nearby property owners and be aesthetically pleasing in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.
4. Fences on lots of record in residential districts shall not contain barbed wire, electric current, or charge of electricity.
5. Fences which enclose public or institutional parks, playgrounds, or public landscaped areas, situated with an area developed with recorded lots, shall not exceed 8 feet in height, measured from the surface of the ground, and shall not obstruct vision to an extent greater than 25 per cent of their total surface area.
6. Line fences marking property lines, may be permitted in all yards in areas designated as farms or agricultural areas.