

FENCE/HEDGE PERMIT APPLICATION

Planning & Zoning Department – City of Escanaba

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PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION			
Address		Parcel #	
PROJECT INFORMATION			
<i>Before filling out this application, please see page 2 to ensure that your project will be compatible with the City of Escanaba's zoning ordinance.</i>			
What are you building?		<input type="checkbox"/> Hedge <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Fence	
Please choose only one:		<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic or Synthetic Fence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (attach info on new sheet)	
<i>Your fence may include sections of different heights. Sections are the fence panels or rails between each post. "Fence Height" counts only the tallest type of section. Total length means the length of all fence rounded up to the nearest foot. Make sure this information matches what you put in your sketch plan on page 3.</i>			
Fence Height (in feet)		Total Length (in feet)	
FEE CALCULATION			
<i>Your actual fee is based on your fence's height and its total length. Considering your fence's height, please write one of the amounts in the "Height Factor" field. That factor is then multiplied by your fence's total length. That number is then added together with a base amount to find your actual fee. Height Factors are:</i>			
Up to 4 ft = \$0.25	More than 4 ft, up to 6 ft = \$0.30	More than 6 ft, up to 8 ft = \$0.40	More than 8 ft, up to 12 ft = \$0.50
Fee = Height Factor \$0.	x Length	= Fence Amt \$	+ Base Amt \$20
			= Actual Fee \$
CONTACT INFORMATION & AGREEMENT			
I acknowledge that the information in this application is true, and if found not to be true, any permit issued may be void. I agree to comply with the conditions and regulations provided with any permit that may be issued and will also comply with all applicable sections of the City of Escanaba Zoning Ordinance. I give permission for officials of the City of Escanaba, the County of Delta, and the State of Michigan to enter the property subject to this permit application for purposes of inspection. Finally, I understand that this is only a zoning permit application and not a permit; a zoning permit, if issued, conveys only land use rights, and does not include any representation or conveyance of right in any other statute, building code, deed restriction or other property rights. I understand that submission of this application IS NOT an authorization to begin work. Work may only commence after permit approval and issuance.			
Owner Name		Email	
Address, City, State, ZIP		Phone	
Signature		Date	
Applicant (if not the Owner) Name		Email	
Address, City, State, ZIP		Phone	
Signature		Date	
***** THIS SECTION FOR STAFF USE ONLY *****			
Date Submitted	Application correct? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Receipt #	Permit #
Corner Lot? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Zoning Code	Easements/ROWS		

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ESCANABA ORDINANCES CONTROLLING FENCES & HEDGES

(Property Maintenance Code) 303.7. Accessory Structures. All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences, and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. All exposed surfaces of metal or wood shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather-coating materials, such as paint or similar surface treatment.

(Zoning Ordinance) 1911.1. General. The requirements of this Section shall apply to all land uses, buildings, and structures. A fence/hedge plan review is required for all land uses, buildings, and structures.

1911.2. Construction and Maintenance. Every fence shall be constructed in a substantial, workmanlike manner and of material reasonably suited for the purpose for which the fence is proposed to be used. Every fence shall be maintained in good repair and shall not be a danger or nuisance, public or private. Any such fence which is, or has become, dangerous to the public safety, health, or welfare, is a public nuisance and shall be repaired or removed. Link fences, wherever permitted, shall be constructed in such a manner that no barbed ends shall be at the top except for limited outdoor storage areas. No fence shall be installed, erected, or maintained except in strict compliance with the following requirements:

A. Metal Fences – Shall consist of new materials treated in a manner to prevent rust and corrosion.

B. Wood Fences – Shall be constructed of new materials and painted, stained or preserved in a manner to maintain the fence in a good structural condition and with an appearance that is aesthetically compatible with the type of fence it represents. For example only, a so-called rustic or stockade fence shall be treated and/or maintained in a manner to represent the best appearance of that type of fence.

C. Plastic or Other Synthetic Material Fences – Where any of these materials are used as a fence, or part thereof, only new materials shall be used and they shall be treated and maintained in a manner to maintain the fence in good structural condition and with an appearance that is aesthetically compatible with the type of fence it represents. Further, such materials shall be of a design and constructed or integrated with the fence to which they are a part in a manner that will not be destroyed or torn apart from the fence by climatic elements. For example, only metal or synthetic material slats inserted in a fence shall be done in a manner not to allow them to be blown away or removed by the wind or other weather conditions.

D. Masonry Fences – Except as otherwise provided in any other City of Escanaba Ordinance requiring such fences or “walls”, this type of fence shall only be permitted with the written approval of all property owners abutting the sides of the property upon which the fence is to be erected.

1911.3. Location. No fence or hedge shall be erected or installed in any yard that will shut-off light or ventilation to any window or opening in a habitable space of a dwelling. A minimum distance of three feet shall be maintained between any solid fence or hedge and any such opening in a dwelling in determining such light and ventilation. No fence or hedge shall be erected or installed nearer than two feet from the inside line of the sidewalk, and, in the case of any corner lot, within the sight distance triangle. No fence or hedge shall be erected or installed on any legal easement and/or right-of-way.

1911.4. Fence/Hedge Heights. Fences/hedges shall not exceed the following heights in the specified district:

Zoning District	Front (ft)	Side & Rear (ft)	Zoning District	Front (ft)	Side & Rear (ft)
Residence “A”, “B”, & “C”	4	6	Special Planned “E2”	4	6
Planned Residential “C2”	4	6	Light Manufacturing “F”	4*	12
Local Business “D”	4	6	Industrial Park “F1”	8	12
Commercial “E”	4*	6	Heavy Manufacturing “G”	8	12
Planned Commercial “E1”	4	6	(*) Up to 6 ft in height by special use permit.		

1912.8.1. Fences or Walls. Any fences or walls used for screening shall be constructed in a durable fashion of brick, stone, other masonry materials, wood posts and planks or metal or other materials specifically designed as fencing materials or any combination thereof as may be approved by the Code Official. Other materials may also be considered through the alternate buffer and screening process as detailed in Section 1914.8 Screening and/or Buffer Areas. No more than 25 percent of the fence surface shall be left open and the finished side of the fence shall face the abutting property. A chain link fence with plastic, metal or wooden slats may not be used to satisfy the requirements of this Section when abutting residential uses and districts, and public streets.

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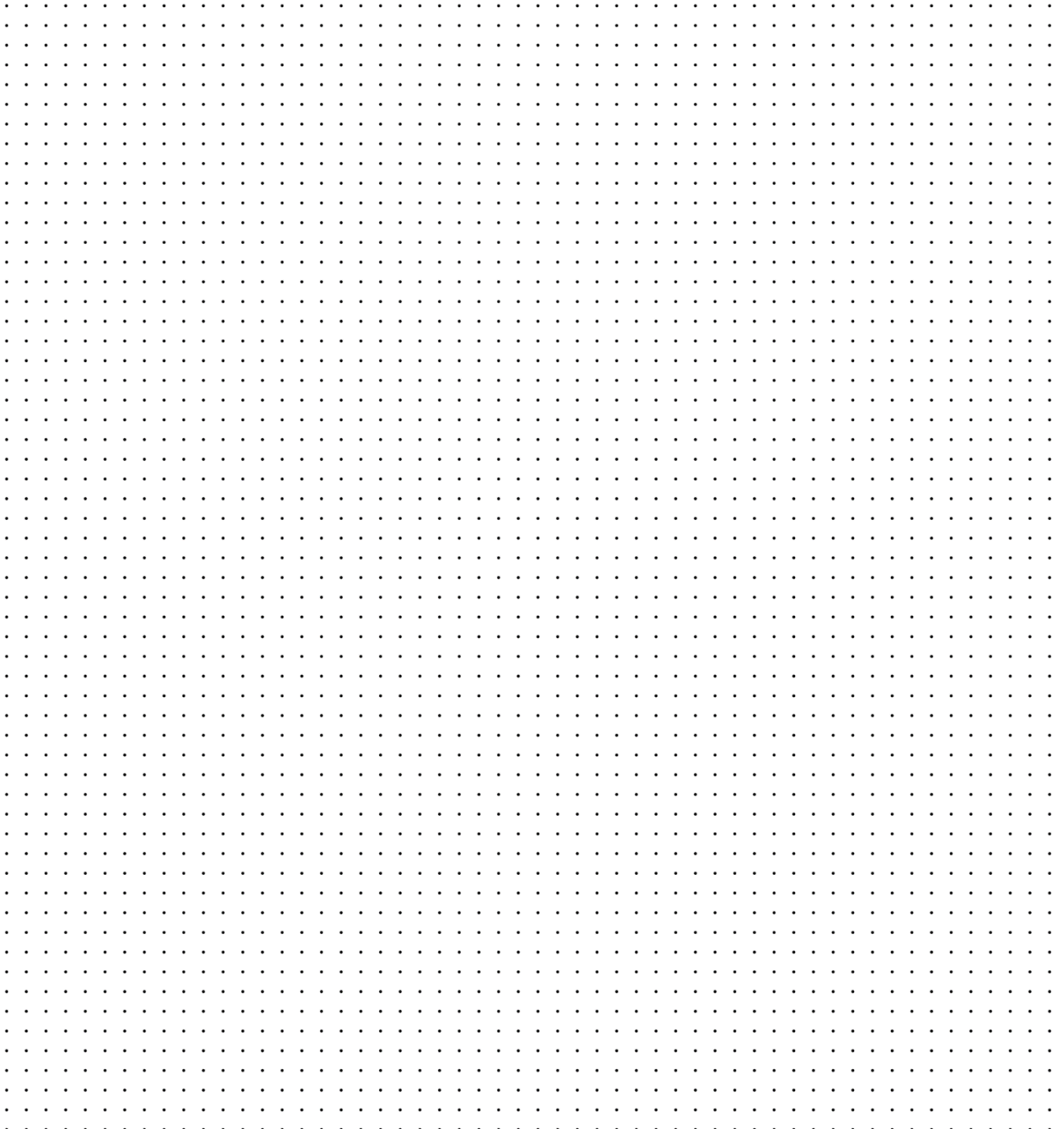
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SKETCH PLAN

Please provide a sketch plan drawn relatively to scale with the following (See page 4 for a sample drawing

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Property lines | <input type="checkbox"/> All existing structures (house, garage, shed, fence, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nearby streets & alleys | <input type="checkbox"/> Location of the proposed fence/hedge. Label height and |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North arrow | length of fencing for each fence line |



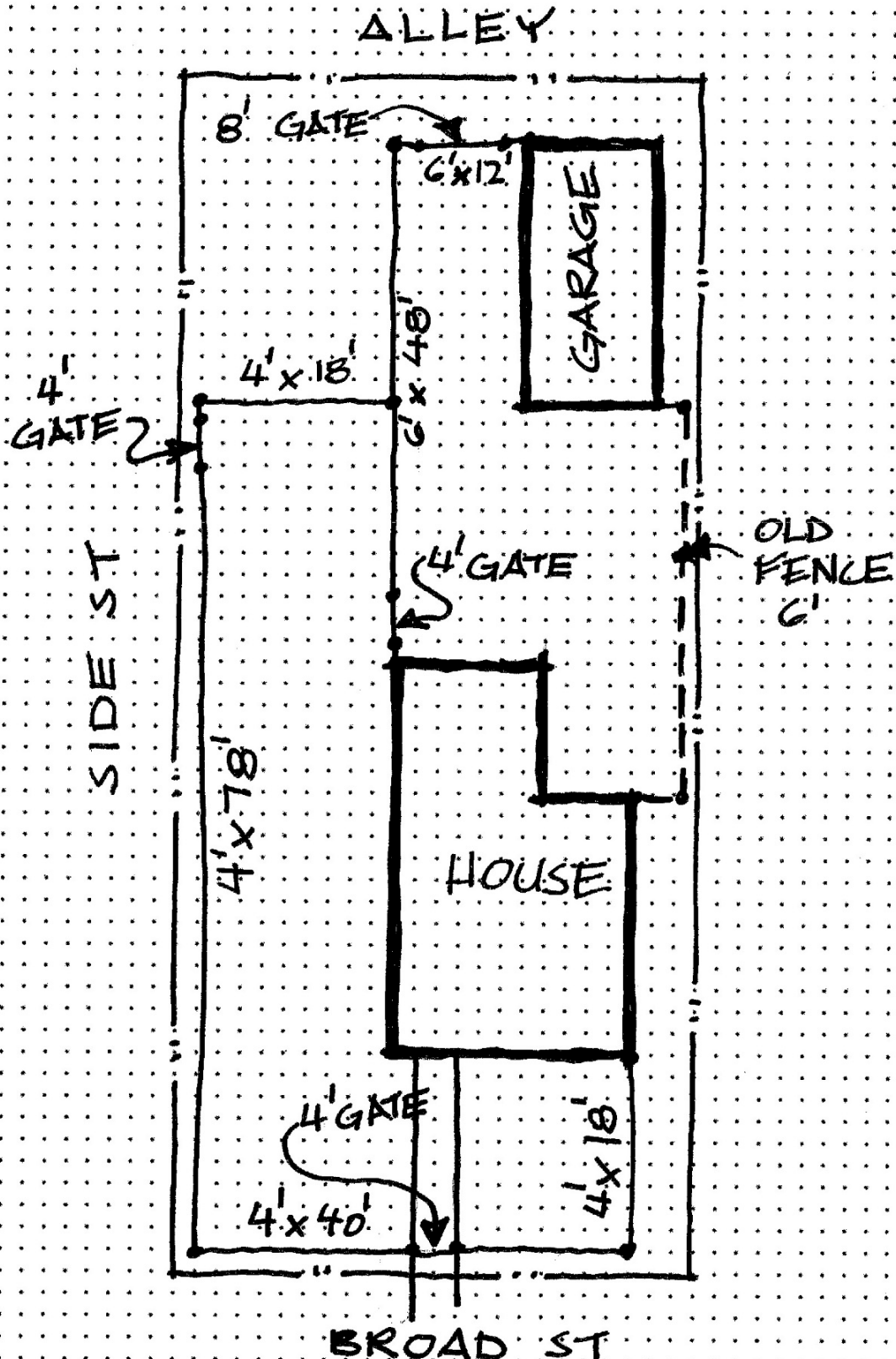
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