

**HOW TO OBTAIN A
FENCE
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(Last Updated: June 26, 2026)

Step #1: Review Ordinance Requirements

Height:

1. Maximum height in rear and side yards is six (6) feet
2. Maximum height in front yards is four (4) feet (*corner lots have two front yards*).

Location:

1. Fences may be placed directly on your side of the property line. Property owners are responsible for making sure their fence does not cross onto a neighboring property. If you are unsure of the exact location of your property lines, consider hiring a professional surveyor to locate your property lines.
2. Fences may not be placed within any easements or rights-of-way for sanitary sewer or stormwater purposes, unless prior approval is granted.
3. Request underground utility line locations to be marked prior to digging on your property by calling 811 or registering on the Pennsylvania One Call System website at pa1call.org
4. Fences are not permitted within street rights-of-way.
5. Fences in front yards of corner lots may not obstruct vision in clear-sight triangles. (see attached)

Miscellaneous:

1. The finished side of the fence must face adjoining properties or street.
2. There are no regulations regarding the type of material used for fences.
3. Unless the fence surrounds a swimming pool and is acting as the required pool barrier, there are no regulations regarding the style of fences.
4. One inspection is required to verify location and height of the fence.
5. Fences meant to satisfy swimming pool safety requirements must be at least four (4) feet high and have no openings greater than four (4) inches. Gates in these fences must be self-closing, self-latching, and open away from the pool. Please contact York Township if you have additional questions regarding required pool fences.

Step #2: Complete Application Form (see attached)

Step #3: Prepare a Plot Plan on the Back of the Application or on a Separate Sheet of Paper (see attached)

Step #4: Submit the Application and Plot Plan at the Township Office

1. After submission, review, and approval, you will be notified that the permit is ready to be picked up.
2. The cost of the permit is **\$25.00 + \$50.00** per zoning inspection.
3. *The fee is payable in cash or by check made payable to York Township.*

Step #5: Post the Permit Card in a Front Window of the House Where it can be Seen

Step #6: Install Fence – Permit is Valid for One Year

Step #7: Call to Schedule the Inspection: 717-428-5641 for the Inspection Scheduling Line

*These instructions serve only as general guidelines. They are subject to all applicable provisions of the township's codes and ordinances. *



* Sample *

Permit # _____

Issue Date _____

RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
YORK TOWNSHIP

ZONING

BUILDING

ELECTRICAL

190 Oak Road, Dallastown, PA 17313

Phone: (717) 741-3861

Fax: (717) 741-5009

Website: www.yorktownship.com

****Residential Plan Review - \$50 per Dwelling - Paid _____ Due by _____**
(Plan review takes up to 15 business days)

Owner John & Jane Smith Contractor Basic Builders, Inc.

HIC Reg. # _____

Address 123 Anywhere Drive Address 456 Somewhere Rd.

City, State, Zip York, PA 17403 City, State, Zip Red Lion, PA 17356

Location of Property 123 Anywhere Drive Lot # _____
(office use only: outside FP needs FP review)

Subdivision _____ Lot # _____ Tax Map _____ Parcel # _____ Coo#-Moo# _____

New Impervious Area (ground cover only, NOT total of all floors):

Building/Addition _____ sq ft + Garage _____ sq ft + Driveway _____ sq ft = TOTAL _____ sq ft

Description of Proposed Work: _____

3' fence in front yard

6' fence in rear/side yards

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$ 4500.00 3/1/23
Date

"Total cost of construction" means the actual cost incurred by the owner, all contractors, subcontractors and other parties for labor, material, equipment, profit and incidental expenses for the entire project.

John Smith
Print Name

John Smith
Signature

Work Phone # _____

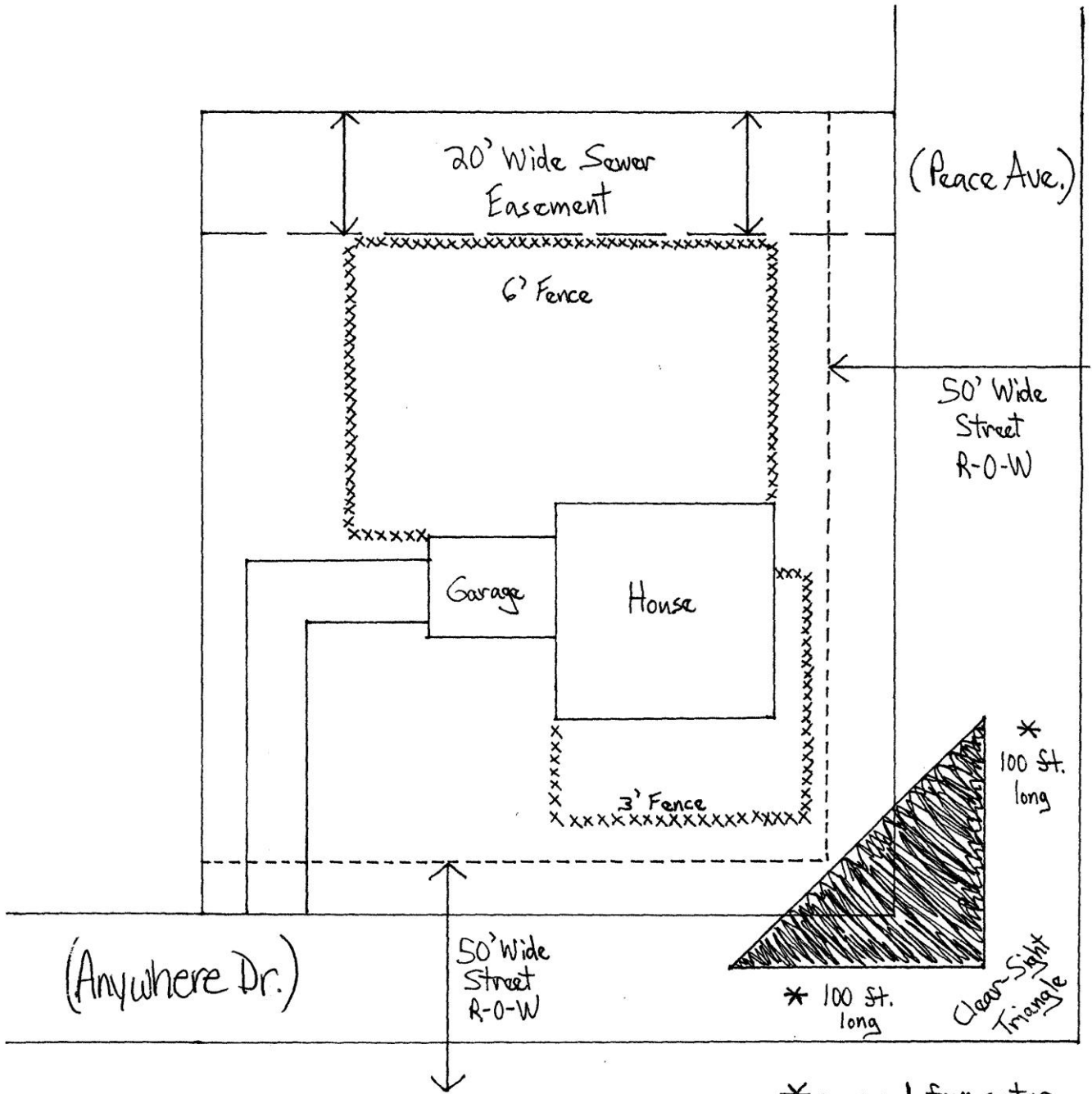
(717) 123-4567
Cell Phone #

Home Phone # _____

The above signed applicant hereby makes application for a permit under all applicable codes and ordinances of York Township and hereby certifies, under penalties of perjury, that all facts herein are true and correct. The actual work will be performed in accordance with the above, and it is expected that the work authorized hereby will begin within 180 days. This permit can be revoked if its issue violates the township's codes or ordinances or work does not begin within the specified time period. Once the permit fees have been paid, they are forfeited and will not, under any circumstances, be refunded.

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PLOT PLAN





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Owner _____ Contractor _____

PA HIC Reg. # _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____

Location of Property _____ Lot # _____

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Description of Proposed Work: _____

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION: \$ _____ Date: _____

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Print Name

Signature

Work Phone #

Cell Phone #

Email Address

**** For proposed work covered by NPDES Permits (typically new home construction), the applicant must include a copy of York Co. Conservation District’s co-permittee acknowledgement along with this Application.**

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*****PERMITS NOT ISSUED AFTER 3:30 PM*****

**** PLOT PLAN ****