



HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

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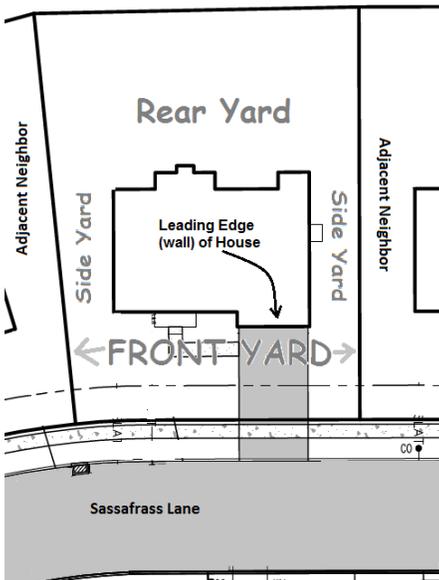
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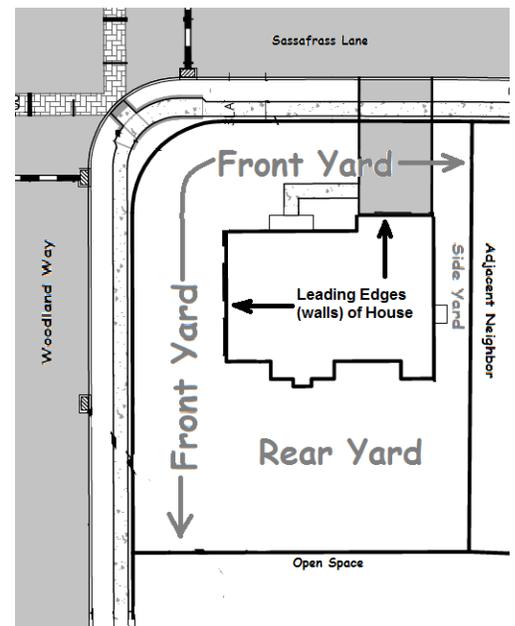
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RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Zoning Permits are required any new fence installation. To apply for a fence permit, you must submit a completed zoning permit application, along with the application fee and a [plot plan](#) communicating where you propose to place your fence.
- As of June 1, 2015, the fee is \$50.00; a [permit application](#) may be picked up at the Township Administration Building, or downloaded from [our website](#).
- Your fence must be one foot (1') away from your property line, unless you have written permission from the adjacent neighbor to place it on the property line or closer than one foot (1').



- A fence may be up to four feet (4') high in Front Yard areas, and up to eight feet (8') high in Side and Rear Yard areas.
- Your FRONT YARD is any area closer to the road than the leading edge of your house (excluding porches) and stretches for the entire width of the lot.

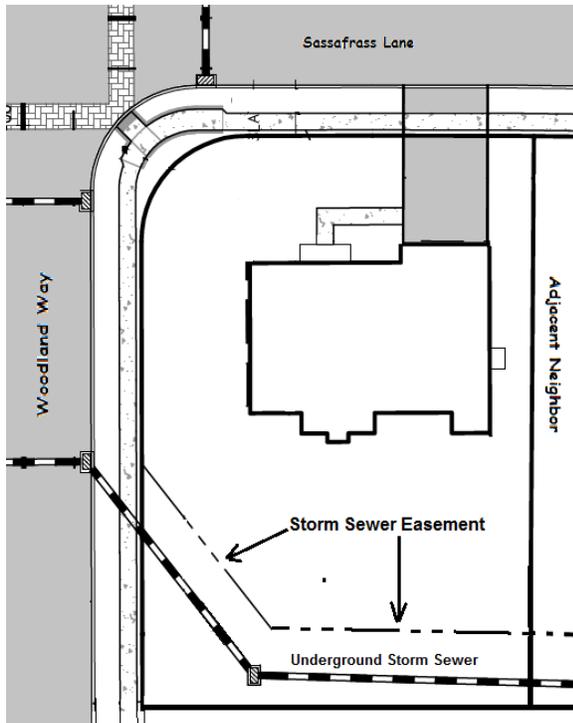


- A CORNER LOT has two (2) Front Yards, one (1) Rear Yard and all remaining yards (if more than one) are Side Yards.

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RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS (cont)



- Additionally, the fence may not be placed in any Open Space or Easement Areas (Stormwater, Water and Sewer, etc.).

- *A permit is not required if* you are replacing a legally existing fence in the same location, and at the same height (style of fence does not matter). ***However***, if you are moving the fence or increasing the height, then a permit is required.
- There are no ‘Architectural/Styling’ requirements for fences; there are no requirements that the ‘good side’ of a fence face this way or that way.
- The fence may not be in the Right-Of Way for the road; in most newer developments, this line is generally a foot back from the edge of the sidewalk (if a sidewalk is present), but not always.

~If you are not putting a fence in a front yard, this is not a concern~

A listing of [Public Road Right-of-Way widths](#) is available on the [Hilltown Township website](#).

Once you determine your Right-of-Way width, measure half the determined width from the center of the road, and that is your ‘Edge of Right-of-Way’.

There may be other requirements or conditions that are identified on your individual lot when the Zoning Office reviews your application; however, these are the most common conditions and requirements.