

Franklinton Borough

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Fences

Franklinton Borough Zoning Ordinance 273-2009

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Buffer – Open spaces, landscaped areas, fences, walls, berms, or any combination thereof used to physically separate or screen one use of property from another so as to visually shield or block noise, lights, or other nuisances.

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Fence – Any freestanding and uninhabitable structure constructed of wood, glass, metal, plastic materials, wire mesh or masonry, composite materials, single or combination, erected for the purposes of containing livestock or animals, of screening or dividing one property from another to assure privacy, or

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Fence continued – to protect the property so screened or divided, or to define a mark the property line, when such structure is erected or within two (2) feet of any front, side or rear lot line.

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Obstruction – Any wall, dam, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, projection, excavation, channel, rectification, culvert, building, fence, stockpile, refuse, fill, structure, or matter in, along, across, or projecting into any channel, watercourse, or flood – prone area;

1. Which may impede retard, or change the direction of the flow of water either in itself or by catching or collecting debris carried by such water.
2. Which is placed where the flow of the water might carry the same downstream to the damage of life and property.

Article 3 General Page 3-1

301. Accessory Uses and Structures.

A. Fences and Walls – The following regulations shall apply to fences and walls.

1. No fence or wall (except residential properties abutting nonresidential uses or districts, agriculture fences, required junkyard, antennas, or tennis court walls or fences, or a retainer wall of a building permitted under the terms of this Ordinance) shall be erected to a height of more than six feet (6") in a front yard and the side yard back to the beginning of an erected structure and no more than ten feet (10") in the remaining other yards.

2. No fence shall block motorist view of vehicles entering or exiting the property (clear sight triangle).

3. No electric fence shall be permitted on a principal residential lot, unless the residence is part of a farm. (Underground, domestic pet control fences are permitted.)

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F. Swimming Pools – The following regulations shall apply to swimming pools.

2. All swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a minimum four (4”) foot high fence or wall with no openings or holes greater than four inches (4”) with a self-closing and lockable gate; however, this does not apply to above-ground pools having a wall measuring four feet (4”) in height and having a retractable ladder.

3. Such fence or wall shall be erected before any pool is filled with water.

G. Tennis Courts –

1. All tennis courts shall include an open mesh permanent fence ten feet (10’) in height behind each baseline.

2. Such fence shall extend parallel to said baseline at least ten feet (10’) beyond the court’s playing surface unless the entire court is enclosed.

303. Setback Modifications. Page 3-2

B. Accessory or Appurtenant Structures – The setback regulations do not apply to:

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4 Fences, hedges and retaining walls.

[There are no setback requirements for fences, therefore, they can be placed on the property line]