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Town of Hyde Park, Zoning Regulations for Fences and Walls
(Complete zoning text is available through the web site link to General Code e-codes)

Walls and fences are considered to be structures.

No fence or wall may be erected/maintained in the special flood hazard area without a Flood Development Permit.

In the area between the property lines and the setbacks, no walls or fences shall be greater than six feet in height.

If the fence is part of a pool enclosure you will need to contact the Building Department regarding permits and additional regulations.

Structures are not permitted within 100 feet of a stream, within any wetland or wetland buffer and may require additional measures to be located within a flood hazard area.

Other questions often arise that fall outside of the zoning regulations.

Does the front side of the fence have to face a particular property?
The zoning code does not specify which side faces a particular property.

Does the fence have to be offset from the property line?
The zoning code does not require an offset. Common sense suggests that you want to be sure the fence is constructed on your property; and installing or maintaining a fence does not give a right to trespass on someone elses property.

It is also important to maintain adequate visibility for people driving vehicles and pedestrians.

If you have additional questions or site specific concerns, please feel free to contact the Zoning and Planning Office in Town Hall. The phone number is 229-5111 X 2.

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