

**TOWN OF BEL AIR  
FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION**

The Town of Bel Air may issue a fence permit if the property owner has satisfied the requirements of Section 165-69 of the Town Development Regulations.

Private covenants and restrictions which further limit and define fencing requirements for a particular lot may exist separate and apart from Town Development Regulations and may be recorded in the Land Records of Harford County, Maryland. Such private covenants and restrictions are not enforceable by the Town of Bel Air but may be enforceable privately by adjoining and affected lot owners or homeowners association in accordance with the terms of the recorded declaration of restrictions which apply to the particular lot.



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**All fence permit requests require one (1) plot plan of the property indicating the proposed fence location(s). An authorization letter from the property owner, if the owner is not applying for the permit, is required.**

Permit No: TBA-F-12-____
Date Rec'd: _____
Fee Collected: \$ _____

Fences may be located in required yards as follows:

1. Fence not exceeding at any point four (4) feet in height above the elevation of the surface of the ground may be located in any yard or court.
2. Fences not exceeding at any point six (6) feet in height above the elevation of the surface of the ground, may be located in any rear yard or side yard area in a residential district. If the property abuts a business or industrial district, a fence not to exceed eight (8) feet may be erected.
3. Business and industrial district property owners may locate fences not to exceed ten (10) feet in height in any yard area if necessary for safety for security reasons and said reasons are documented to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator.

<b>JOB LOCATION:</b> _____														
<b>PROPERTY OWNER:</b> _____														
Address: _____														
Phone No.: _____														
<b>APPLICANT:</b> _____														
Address: _____														
Phone No.: _____														
<b>CONTRACTOR:</b> _____														
Address: _____														
Phone No.: _____														
<b>DESCRIPTION OF WORK:</b> _____														
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Stockade _____	Board on Board _____													
Split Rail _____	Chain Link _____	Other _____												
Explain: _____														

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

<b>FENCE PERMIT FEE CALCULATIONS:</b>
<b>\$ 20.00 plus \$0.04 per foot for fencing over 250 linear feet</b>

**Department of Planning**  
**705 E. Churchville Road**  
**Bel Air MD 21014**  
**Phone: 410-879-9500 Fax: 410-838-0775**

TOWN OF BEL AIR

Property Owner's Authorization  
(if applicable)

I, We, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize  
(Property Owner(s) – Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_, representative for \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Applicant's Name) (Company, Firm, Organization)

to make application for a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at  
(Type of Permit) (Description of Proposed Work)

\_\_\_\_\_.  
(Job Location)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## FENCES IN EASEMENTS

While the Town of Bel Air Zoning Code allows property owners to erect fences, at their own risk, in recorded easements, there are caveats attached to permitting the use.

1. Excavation may not cause damage to existing pipes located in the easement.
2. The fence must not cause a drainage or sediment control problem.
3. Town of Bel Air may enter the property and make use of the easement area for grading and/or the installation or repair of utilities.
4. Town of Bel Air may either remove the fence as part of the work being done or require that you remove the fence prior to the work.
5. Town of Bel Air may enter the property and remove the fence if the fence violates one of the above provisions.

**THE COST OF REPAIR RESULTING FROM ANY DAMAGE TO PIPES LOCATED IN THE EASEMENT OR THE COST FOR REMOVAL OF THE FENCE BY THE TOWN OF BEL AIR WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**Should you have any questions regarding utilities in your easement, you may call the Department of Public Works at 410.638.4536.**

This administrative policy outlines procedures for review and approval of fence permits.

The Bel Air Development Regulations, Chapter 165, Article II, Section 10 of the Bel Air Town Code, specifies location, size, and type of fencing permitted in various town zoning districts. To insure that the purpose and intent of the Development Regulations are upheld while protecting the interest of the property owners and neighboring property owners, the Town adopts the following policy:

1. An applicant must submit a completed fence permit application along with a drawing describing the type of fencing, size and location.
2. If an application is submitted by a contractor or person other than the property owner, the property owner must sign an authorization letter provide by the Town Planning Department.
3. The Town provides applicants with a notice that private covenants and restrictions may apply. Such covenants and restrictions are not enforceable by the Town but may be enforceable privately by adjoining and affected lot owners or homeowners or condominium association. Applicants are encouraged to contact their local homeowners association and to check their deed to determine whether any restrictions apply.
4. The planning staff reviews the application to assure that all zoning requirements are satisfied.
5. If fence is to be located in an easement, the applicant will be required to sign an easement agreement assuring that the construction will not cause damage to the easement area, that the Town will have access to the easement area, as necessary, that the owner at his/her expense, may be required to remove the fence at the Town's request, should work be required in the easement area and that the property owner is responsible for any damages to buried pipes/drainage resulting from installation of fencing.
6. If all requirements are satisfied, the fence permit is issued and must be displayed on the subject property during installation/construction.

Adopted Date: August 2, 2010  
Approved By: Town Administrator  
Document: Development Regulations – Ordinance No. 730-10  
Authority: Bel Air Town Code