Fence Permits

Required Documentation:
1. Permit Application with Fence height & lineal feet listed
2. Survey map with fence location hi-lighted and lineal feet of fence sections
3. Insurance or Exemption Form (One of the following):
   a. Contractor: General Liability & Worker’s Compensation
   c. Homeowner performing the work: BP-1 Form
4. Easement Waiver (If proposed fence will be located on an Easement, indicated on a Survey Map)

General Code Requirements:
- Maximum height for a fence in a residential district is 6 feet measured from ground.
- Fence cannot be in a front yard and must be setback from the front property line at least: 50 feet for state and county roads and 35 feet for Town or other roads, exclusive of parking requirements.
- The most pleasant or decorative side of a fence must face adjacent lots with all posts being located in the yard of the owner.
- No barbed wire, spikes, chipped glass, electricity or similar materials or devices can be used in residential districts.
- Fences shall allow access to rear yard (e.g., gate entrance). It cannot impede or obstruct access to the rear of the yard for the allowance of emergency equipment.
- Fence is not required to be setback from side or rear lot lines.
- Homeowner is responsible for ensuring fence is on their own property. Town does not survey property boundaries.
- Corner lots have two front yards, for each street it faces.

Additional Requirements for Non-Residential Districts:
- The minimum height for a fence, in a non-residential district, is 6 feet and the maximum height is 8 feet.
- Barbed wire and electric fences are permitted upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit by the Town Board.

Current code information, and specific details, may be found at www.townofgates.org