

# *Borough of Portage*

PORTAGE, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE 2-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF PORTAGE BOROUGH, CAMBRIA COUNTY,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING  
REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR FENCES WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Whereas, Portage Borough is establishing regulations concerning fences within the borough limits,

## Fence Residential

A fence intended to identify residential property lines provide for privacy, or protects unauthorized entry such as a swimming pool and/or to protect members of the household.

Residential fences are usually four to six feet in height. Residential fences are often picket, rail stockade, board-on-board and batten, basket weave, or louvered type and may include chain link fences,

Side and rear residential fences are permitted in the side and rear yards of residential districts shall not exceed six feet in height, and shall not extend into the front yard or street yards (side yard abutting a street). No fence shall be located closer than two feet to any right-of-way. Facing a street, fences are permitted in any yard, but shall not exceed a height of four feet when located in the front yard or street yard (side yard abutting a street).

Any farm-type fences or portable fences such as snow fences shall not be used as a permanent fence. No fence shall be erected of barbed wire, topped with metal spikes or constructed of any material or in any manner which may be dangerous to persons except that this provision shall not apply to farms or industrial districts.


Any fence in place, constructed and not complying with this Ordinance on the effective date shall be considered "grandfathered" and not affected by this part, in terms of height, construction material, placement, and/or set back. These fences are therefore allowed to remain in place.

Appeals to the requirements of this ordinance shall be made in writing and directed to the Borough Manager, which in turn will investigate the appeal, and present to Council, who shall conduct a noticed public hearing and decide the request within 60 days.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2021

BOROUGH OF PORTAGE

By:   
George Wozniak  
Council President

Attest:   
Michelle Claar  
Borough Secretary