

BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSVILLE  
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2006 - 4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE  
WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH CODE OF  
ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS," AND  
ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS, REQUIREMENTS,  
AND PENALTIES WHICH GOVERN FENCES

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of Wrightsville Borough,  
York County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of the Wrightsville Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby  
amended by the addition of the following part:

**PART 4**

**FENCES**

**§401. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1. The following words, as used in this Part, shall have the meanings hereby  
respectively ascribed thereto:

Fence - Any artificially constructed barrier erected to enclose or screen  
areas of land.

2. In this part, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the  
singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

**§402. FENCES**

All fences shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the following  
requirements and restrictions:

1. Height. No fence shall be erected to a height of more than 42" in the area  
bounded by the street line on the front yard, the side property lines, and a line  
projected the full width of the lot at the front structural wall of the house. Where  
two or more structural walls parallel the street, the wall farthest from the street  
shall be used to determine this area. Back yard and side yard fences shall not  
exceed a height of 6'. In the case of a fence erected adjacent to a neighboring  
driveway, the maximum height of such fence or a portion thereof shall be such  
that adequate sight distance between the driveway and street is provided.

2. Setback. Fences may be located up to but not on the lot line.

3. Intersections. No fence shall be constructed which would obstruct proper street intersection sight lines. Clear sight triangles of seventy-five (75) feet (150 feet for arterial streets) measured along street center lines from their points of injunction shall be provided at all intersections in accordance with the Wrightsville Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
4. Permits. Permits shall be required for the construction, rebuilding, and substantial repair of fences. Permits can be obtained by application to the Borough Secretary and by submission of the requisite permit fee, as established by resolution of the Borough. It shall be the property owner's responsibility to locate all property lines, property corners, and right of way lines to the satisfaction of the Borough prior to the approval of a fence permit. If any of the above boundaries are in question at the time of permit application, the Borough may require a survey to be completed prior to issuing a permit. No permit shall be issued that contravenes the provisions of this Part. The permit can be revoked by the Borough upon the permittee's failure to adhere to the requirements of this Part.
5. Aesthetics. Any fence located in the front yard shall be decorative. A decorative fence shall be considered a picket, split rail, wrought iron, or aluminum reinforced vinyl fence, rather than one which serves to screen a portion of the front lot, such as a stockade fence. At least half of the front yard fence design shall be open. Chain link fences are prohibited in the front yard. The most attractive or finished side of a fence shall face the adjoining property or public right of way.
6. Maintenance. All fences shall be maintained in good condition and repair. Fences shall be capable of maintaining a vertical position without danger of collapse. All fence components shall be intact, in good condition, and free of rot and decay.
7. Retroactive Application. In the event that any portion of an existing fence is rebuilt it shall be built so as to be in compliance with the provisions of this part.

#### **§403. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall construct or maintain a structure in violation of any of the provisions of this Part shall be, upon conviction thereof, sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600.00, plus costs, and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense.

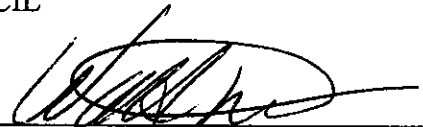
Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

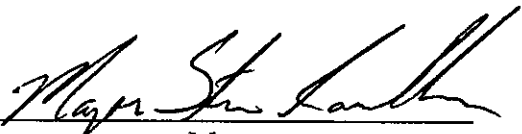
ATTEST:

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL

  
Secretary

By:   
President

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.

By:   
Mayor