FAQ:
I want to build a fence. How high can the fence be? What permits do I need? (Industrially Zoned Property)

Background:
- **A-301.2.5** specifies when a zoning permit is required.
- **A-301.2.1** specifies when a building permit is required.
- **14-706** outlines the zoning requirements related to the height and opacity of fences.
- **14-202(18)** defines a sight triangle

Answer:

**Permit Requirements**:

**Zoning Permit**: A zoning permit is not required if a fence is at or below the allowable limits of the Zoning Code. If you are proposing to exceed the limits of the zoning code, you must apply for a permit and a refusal will be issued which you can then appeal to the zoning Board of Adjustments.

**Building Permit**: A building permit is required for non-masonry fences that exceed six ft. in height. A building permit is required for masonry fences that exceed two ft. in height.

**Allowable Height and Opacity**:
- The zoning code does not regulate the height or opacity of a fence in an industrial district.
- If the fence is proposed within a sight triangle, it can be no more than **four ft. in height and more than 50% opaque**.

![Diagram of allowable fence heights and opacities](image-url)
Questions?
Call 311 or (215) 686-8686 (if outside Philadelphia) or submit a permit-related question online via https://form.jotform.com/81494420572154.

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