

**ORDINANCE # 659**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HATFIELD,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 282,  
ARTICLE XXVI “GENERAL PROVISIONS”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hatfield prescribes rules and regulations relative to fences and walls in the Township;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board of Commissioners desires to amend the code relative to fences and walls.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

**SECTION I.**

Sections 282-201 and 282-204 are hereby deleted.

**SECTION II.**

A new Section 282-201 “Fences and walls” shall be added along with the following provisions:

- A. Residential Uses. No fence or wall, except a retaining wall or wall of a building permitted under the terms of this chapter, over six feet in height shall be erected within any of the open spaces required by this chapter. No fence or wall shall extend beyond the front building line of a lot on which it is located; however, in the case of a lot with more than one street frontage, a fence not exceeding four feet in height may be erected within the front yard(s) which do not include the main entrance (front door) of the home so long as the fence is set back at least five feet from the ultimate right-of-way.
- B. Nonresidential Uses. No fence or wall over six feet in height shall be erected within any of the open spaces required by this chapter.
- C. No fence shall be permitted within any easements benefiting Hatfield Township, Hatfield Township Municipal Authority, or any other regulatory agency without the written permission of that agency and Hatfield Township.

**SECTION III.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or on the provisions of the Hatfield Township Code.

**SECTION IV.** All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SECTION V.** This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days following its legal enactment.

**ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
HATFIELD TOWNSHIP**

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Aaron Bibro, Secretary

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Thomas C. Zipfel, President