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## Fence Regulations

The regulations can be confusing, and each lot is unique. The By-law Enforcement Officer or Town Planner would be happy to assist you with determining what requirements apply to your property.

## What is the Fence & Pool Enclosure By-law?

This By-law sets requirements for the height and description of fences, privacy screens or enclosures in the Town of Grand Valley, as well as the requirement to build and maintain fences and gates around swimming pools. These requirements are established to protect the health, safety and well-being of residents.

## Is a Permit Required?

In accordance with our fence by-law, a fence permit is not required. Fences must be built in accordance with the regulations set out in the By-law. Please contact the Town if you have any questions and we will be happy to assist with any of your fence and planning questions.

## Does the swale in my backyard matter?

YES

Do not alter the approved grading on your property. Drainage swales are a critical part of storm water management. A swale may run across your backyard and those of your neighbours to allow the downward flow of water across adjacent properties to prevent backyard flooding.

Swales should not be removed as they are part of the drainage system. Removing it could cause flooding on adjacent or nearby properties.



We're available to assist you!

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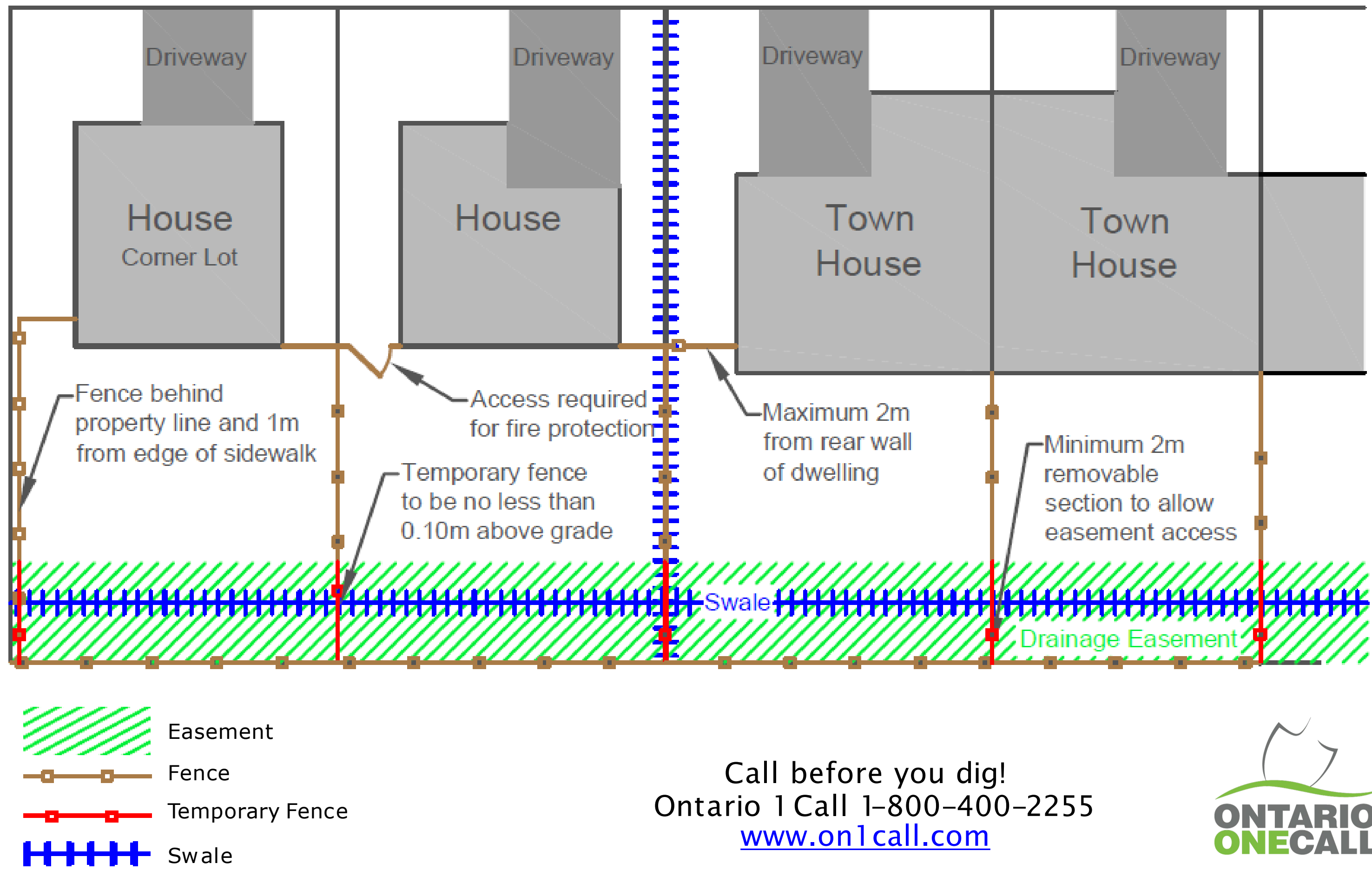
# Fence & Pool Enclosure By-law 2020-31 as amended

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# What is a drainage easement?

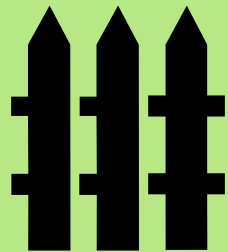
An easement is the government's legal right to use a piece of your land for the purpose of maintaining utilities and systems in the municipality. Drainage easements are necessary to control water runoff and prevent flooding in the neighbourhood. If there is a drainage easement on your property, you have a responsibility to ensure that the area is free of debris, and accessible at all times. Due to the fact that the drainage easement needs to be accessible at all times, there are certain restrictions in place to ensure its safe accessibility. This means that things like trees, hardscaping, sheds, and even swing sets or patio furniture should not be placed on this part of your property.



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**Apportionment of Costs**  
Where owners of adjoining land cannot agree on the fence to be erected no contribution to the cost will be enforced by the Town.



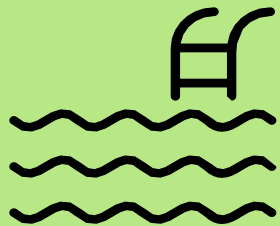
**Height Restriction**  
Fences may not exceed 2m (6.56 feet) in height.



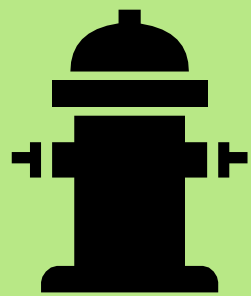
**Property Line**  
Fences may be constructed along property lines. The best way to determine boundary locations is to contact a Land Surveyor.



**Side Yard Restriction**  
No fence is permitted to extend more than 2m beyond the rear wall of the dwelling.



**Pool Enclosure**  
If fence is for a pool, a building permit is also required from Dufferin County.



**Fire Hydrant**  
Fences may be located no closer than 2m from the front and sides and no closer than 1m from the rear of a fire hydrant.



**Utility Meter**  
Access to any gas, electricity, water and any other service meters must be maintained.