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## **FENCE REGULATIONS**

Submittal requirements for work being performed in all categories:

- A completed and signed permit application.
- All general contractors and subcontractors must be registered with the City.

**Fences:** A fence permit is required to erect or replace a fence, and a city inspection is required. A permit is not required to repair an existing fence.

- Two (2) site plans, drawn to scale, showing the location of the fence and any easements on the property. All fences along alleyways are required to maintain a minimum 5-foot setback from the alley pavement, unless the property does not extend to that point; in that case, the fence must not encroach the property line.

All inspections must be scheduled on-line or called in to the front desk. The number is (972) 304-3500. Please do not leave messages requesting inspections. Same day inspections will be performed for all online requests made before midnight. Next day inspections will be performed for all inspections phoned in before 5 p.m. each weekday.

Website: [https://energovprodweb.coppelltx.gov/EnerGov\\_Prod/SelfService#/home](https://energovprodweb.coppelltx.gov/EnerGov_Prod/SelfService#/home)

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### **Section 9-2-1. Definitions.**

**Composite fencing** means material that consists of at least 75 percent wood fiber material which may be combined with vinyl or other products and molded or fabricated into raised textured wood finish planks, pickets, rails, and other elements.

**Fence** means any wall or structure more than 18 inches in height erected or maintained for the purposes of enclosing, screening, restricting access to or decorating the surrounding lot, parcel, building or structures.

**Front yard** means the open, unoccupied space on a lot facing a street and extending across the front of a lot between the side yard lines.

Rear yard means a space unoccupied by principal structure extending for the full width of the lot between a principal structure and the rear lot.

Side yard means an open unoccupied space on the same lot with the building, situated between the building and the side line of the lot, and extending through the street or the front line. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

Repair means the construction or repair of 50 percent or less of the perimeter of an existing fence.

Replace means, for the purposes of this article, the construction, reconfiguration, relocation or repair of 50 percent or more of the perimeter of an existing fence.

**Sec. 9-2-2. Fence permit required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect or replace a fence, as defined herein, without first obtaining a permit in accordance with the regulation set forth in this chapter. However, a permit shall not be required to repair an existing fence that is 50% or less of the perimeter. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-3. Application for permit.**

An application for a permit must be signed by the applicant and contain the following information:

- A. Applicant's name and address. If the application is a partnership, corporation or association, the name and phone number of a responsible party of the entity.
- B. Name and address of owner of property.
- C. Address of property where fence is to be erected.
- D. Height of fence.
- E. Plat, map, or site plan showing the lot or tract on which the fence is to be erected, the location of adjoining or adjacent lots or tracts and the location of the proposed fence, outlined with heavy black lines. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)
- F. If composite fencing is used, specifications must be submitted, at the time of permitting, showing a minimum 75 percent wood fiber composition.

**Sec. 9-2-4. Permit fee.**

A nonrefundable permit fee of \$50.00 shall be paid at the time of application for each permit issued. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-5. Public property.**

A fence, or any part of such fence, shall not be constructed upon or caused to protrude over property line or lot line. All fences, as provided herein, must be maintained in a plane so as not to overhang or interfere with public property. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-6. Location and height regulations.**

- A. Height. It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain a fence at a height exceeding eight feet.
- B. Rear yard. Where driveways connect to alleys in commercial, industrial and residential areas, fences shall only be constructed along the rear lot line of any lot to within five feet of a point where the driveway would intersect the alley pavement at 90 degrees.

Fences to be constructed along any driveway or parallel to alleys shall not be constructed within five feet of the alley pavement.

- C. Side yard. A fence may be erected in the side yard of a lot to the side property line.
- D. Front yard. It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain a fence within the front yard of any lot, from the front building line to the front lot line. The front building line as that term is used herein shall mean the building line established by the building constructed on the lot if such established building line is a greater distance from the front lot line than that established by law. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-7. Materials, orientation and colors.**

- A. Permitted materials. All fences, as defined herein, constructed within the city, shall only be constructed with metal vertical posts and the following material:
  - 1. Wood
  - 2. Metal or wrought iron
  - 3. Stone or brick with mortar
  - 4. Decorative metal
  - 5. Composite fencing: material that consists of at least 75 percent wood fiber material combined with vinyl or other products fabricated into raised textured wood finish planks, pickets, rails, and other elements. Composite fences shall be anchored with steel or metal posts. (Ord. No. 2009-1242)
- B. Permitted colors. Colors for wood and composite fences shall be limited to earth-tone colors only. Wrought iron and decorative metal fences may be black, off-white, or earth tone colors only, and masonry fences may not be painted. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-8. Prohibited materials.**

Materials prohibited in fences are barbed wire, razor ribbon, sheet metal, chain-link, vinyl or polyvinyl, or any other similar material, except that barbed wire and/or chain link is permitted for fencing for agriculture- or industrial-zoned property. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-9. Electrical fences.**

Fences shall not be electrified or utilize an electrical charge; however, such prohibition shall not be construed to prohibit electric gate closures. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)

**Sec. 9-2-10. Inspection.**

Within 30 days of the completion of installation, the owner of the premises shall request, and the building inspector shall conduct, an inspection. A certificate of acceptance or a rejection slip indicating the defects in the same will be issued. (Ord. No. 2006-1133, § 1, 8-22-06)