



CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS
CODE OF ORDINANCES
APPENDIX B. ZONING
FENCES

I. Sec. 14.05. Exception and modifications to use regulations.

14.05.3 *Fences.*

14.05.3.1 *Permit required.* Before commencing construction on any type of fence, whether residential, commercial or industrial, a permit issued under [Chapter 22](#) of this Code shall be obtained from the building official.

14.05.3.2 *Fence and height restrictions.* Notwithstanding any subdivision or development restrictions, a fence, wall or hedge not more than eight feet in height may project into or enclose any required front or side yard provided, however, that no fence, shrubbery, or obstruction of any type shall be permitted into required front yards less than 20 feet of any street right-of-way or property line. Furthermore, on corner lots, no fence, shrubbery, or obstruction shall be permitted into required front and side yards, with a triangular area as defined by [Section 2.06](#). Fences, walls, or hedges may project into or enclose other required yards provided such fences, walls, or hedges do not exceed a height of eight feet.

14.05.3.3 *Fence construction materials.* Fences must be constructed with wood, chain link, masonry, wrought iron or other like materials. No barbed wire or other hazardous material shall be used in fence construction, except that commercial or industrial fences may be permitted to contain security wire on the top part of the fence. No electrified fences shall be permitted.

14.05.3.4 *Fence height defined.* Height shall be measured from the ground, at a point where the fence makes contact with the ground, to the highest part of the fence. But, a fence which is constructed with standard eight foot boards must be built so that three-fourths of the fence shall be no higher than a maximum of two inches off the ground.

14.05.3.5 *Exceptions.*

1. Notwithstanding section 14.05.3.2, fence heights greater than eight feet will be permitted in the following circumstances:
 - a. Decorative posts, post lights, columns, column decorations, gates and the like which are integral parts of an eight-foot fence may extend higher than eight feet but shall not exceed a height of ten feet.
 - b. Fence heights up to ten feet will be permitted along a boundary between a residential district and a commercial or industrial district. Permit applications for fences ten feet in height must be accompanied by drawings signed and stamped by a professional of record.

- c. Fence heights up to ten feet will be permitted along a boundary between a residential property and a commercial property and along a boundary between commercial properties. The ten-foot height requirement between commercial properties may, in some cases, be extended by security wire pursuant to the commercial permit application. The allowance of an extension of a commercial property fence by security wire shall be determined by the building inspector on an individual basis. Permit applications for fences ten feet in height must be accompanied by drawings signed and stamped by a professional of record.
- d. A fence which has a height greater than eight feet which is already existing upon the effective date of this ordinance is exempt from these substantive amendments.
- e. Developers may apply for a blanket height variance to include an entire subdivision if desired.

14.05.3.6 *Variances*. For any other situation or circumstance not addressed by the planning and zoning or subdivision regulations nor itemized in this section, the property owner shall apply for a variance. Before being granted, variances must be considered on an individual basis and approved by the city council.

II. Required Submittals for Permitting

- 1. Site plan showing property lines, servitudes and/or easements, location of proposed fence, structures, etc. If commercial property, identify zoning district of neighboring lots.
- 2. Description of fence: type of material (wood picket, vinyl, chain-link, etc.), height, posts/columns, etc.
- 3. Permit application

Note: The City of Denham Springs Code of Ordinances can be found online at www.municode.com.

The above section and subsections were found at https://library.municode.com/la/denham_springs/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeld=COOR_APXBZO_ART14SUDIRE_S14.05EXMOUSRE.

Further information regarding fences used as buffers between conflicting zoning districts may be found here:

- 1. Code of Ordinances; Appendix B; Article 14; [Sec. 14.06 Buffer Zone](#)
- 2. Code of Ordinances; Chapter 78; Article III. Landscape Ordinance; [Buffers/Buffer Yards](#)
- 3. Code of Ordinances; Appendix B; Article 11. [Mobile Home Parks](#)