

Fence Permit Information

BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES. ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS OR LICENSED FENCE CONTRACTORS ARE ALLOWED TO APPLY FOR PERMITS TO CONSTRUCT FENCES.

A) SUBMIT PLOT PLAN of property drawn to scale that shows fence location, property lines, servitudes, address, lot number, subdivision and any streets or alleys the property fronts. Fences on corner lots shall not be constructed in the site triangle.

B) FENCES ARE ALLOWED TO BE BUILT WITHIN SERVITUDES WITH THE APPROPRIATE APPROVALS:

1. Fences proposed within or crossing servitudes must obtain servitude encroachment approval. Refer to servitude encroachment information sheet.
2. **Call Louisiana One Call at 1-800-272-3020, before digging.**

C) The City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge Unified Development Code (UDC) lists rules that shall be followed concerning the location of the proposed fence.

Sec 9.301 Woven wire fences less than (4) feet high and other types of fences more than (30) per cent solid and less than three (3) feet high may be located on any part of a lot except that no fence, shrubs, planting or visual obstruction may be located within thirty (30) feet of a street intersection (measured from the intersection of the intersection of the property lines at the property corner) or as required by the Department of Public Works.

Sec 9.302 Except as provided in subsection 9.301, fences not more than eight (8) feet high may be erected on those parts of the lot that are as far back or farther back from the street than the required front and side building lines except as required in C2 and M2 zoning Districts.

Sec 9.303 Open wire fences for tennis, badminton, and similar games may be erected to a height of ten (10) feet.

Sec 9.304 Open wire fences may be erected to a height of ten (10) feet in the M1 Light Industrial Zoning Districts.

Sec 9.305 Except as provided in Section 9.301, on corner lots there may be a fence or screen planting not to exceed eight (8) feet in height between the rear of the lot and the front building line provided that such fencing must be not less than five (5) feet from the inside edge of the sidewalk if such exists and not less than fifteen (15) feet from the curb line or edge of pavement. In no case, however, shall the fence be located within thirty (30) feet of a street intersection.

APPEALS TO THE UDC MAY BE TAKEN TO THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (225-389-3226).

D) Flood Damage Prevention; Flood Ordinance #9079, adopted 4-25-1990:

Solid fences, walls and landscaping features constructed or placed in a manner that block or restrict drainage flow are illegal.

E) Section 12:406, Maintenance of Swimming Pools, City-Parish Code of Ordinances:

Every owner of a swimming pool, with a depth greater than eighteen (18) inches, shall keep the pool completely enclosed with fences or walls not less than five (5) feet in height with no openings greater than four (4) inches. Every pool owner shall equip gate or door openings to the pool with self-closing and self-latching devices capable of keeping such gate or door securely closed at all times. Every swimming pool owner shall keep said fences, gates and doors in a state of repair. All gates and doors shall be securely closed at all times. No waiver of this section shall be compliance.

POOL FENCES: All swimming pools or other outside body of water, with a depth greater than 18 inches, designed or used for swimming, dipping or immersion purposes, shall be completely enclosed with fence or walls not less than 5 feet in height with no openings greater than 4 inches. Walls of buildings may be used as part of such enclosure. All gates shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices. Exterior doors from any habitable building need not be so equipped. Pool final inspections will be withheld until all requirements specified for the fence have been complied with. Other protective devices or structures may be used so long as the degree of protection afforded by the substitute devices or structures is not less than the protection afforded by the fence, gate, and latch described herein.

F) FENCES PLACED IN URBAN DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICTS REQUIRE STAFF APPROVAL FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 1755 FLORIDA ST, (225)389-3144.

G) FENCES PLACED IN LOCALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICTS REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CONTACT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 1755 FLORIDA ST (225)389-3144.

H) Note: City/Parish does not enforce private subdivision restrictions. Please be sure to have approval from your subdivision association prior to obtaining permit.

I) Permit Fees: Review fee: \$60, Permit fee \$40.