

Fence Permit Information

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

Fences are allowed to be built within servitudes, but some conditions do apply:

1. Fences constructed within or crossing servitudes are at owner's risk. Owner is responsible for moving the fence if a utility wants access to use the servitude. Must obtain approval from all utilities, drainage and sewer.
2. **Call Louisiana One Call at 1-800-272-3020 before digging.**
3. Masonry walls or columns will require approval from city engineering and the utility agencies.

The City of Baton Rouge, and the Parish of East Baton Rouge Zoning Ordinances list rules that shall be followed concerning the location of the proposed fence.

Unified Development Code - Section 9.5.2 C - Fences and walls:

1. Material
 - a. Chain link fences may be permitted in all areas of the parish other than the Downtown character area.
 - b. Electric and barbed wire fences may be permitted in the Rural character area for the purpose of controlling livestock.
 - c. Concertina wire fences shall be prohibited throughout the parish.
 - d. Walls containing more than 50 percent exposed standard concrete masonry blocks shall not be allowed, whether painted or not.
2. Height
 - a. Fences or walls greater than four feet in height may not be located within any front or corner side yard unless the fence or wall is less than 30 percent solid, providing a minimum of 70 percent transparency.
 - b. Fences and walls may be as much as eight feet in height if located outside of any required front yard or corner side yard and set back at least five feet from any sidewalk or 15 feet from the edge of the street, whichever is more, and outside of any required sight triangle.
 - c. Chain link fences up to ten feet in height may be permitted in M zoning districts. d. Open wire fences up to ten feet in height may be permitted around recreational facilities such as tennis and badminton courts.
3. Location

Fences or walls may not be located within any required drainage, utility or similar servitude without the consent of the entity in whose favor the servitude has been granted.

Appeals to the Unified Development Code may be taken to the Metropolitan Board of Adjustment.

Unified Development Code – Section 15.21 - Specific Standards:

Enclosures. Solid fences, walls and landscaping features constructed or placed within the drainage system, as shown on the final plat, and new construction, attached garage and substantial improvements, with fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding, shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

1. A minimum of two openings on separate walls having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided
2. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade
3. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters
4. Any variance of the requirements of this subsection must be approved by the Director of the Department of Development.

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

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 or 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.