

## Building Code Sampling of Fence Materials

### Current Rollingwood Fence Code (minus recently approved height restrictions)

#### 107-34. - Fences.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no front-yard fence may be erected or maintained.

(b) A front-yard fence complying with the criteria provided in this subsection (b) of this section is allowed on property in a residential zoning district. The following criteria shall apply to such a fence:

(1) The height shall not exceed three feet measured perpendicular from the adjacent finish grade;

(2) Piers or posts may exceed the maximum height and fencing adjacent to the pier or post by four inches;

(3) On sloped lots, to accommodate variations in elevation of the ground beneath a fence segment between two piers or posts, a fence may exceed the maximum height by up to six inches, provided that the average height of such fence segment does not exceed the maximum height;

(4) The fence shall be constructed of such materials or in a manner to allow for an average of 80 percent visibility through the fence;

(5) All fence components shall be a minimum of 15 feet from the curb, or edge of the street pavement where there is no curb;

(6) The fence shall have columns, posts, or supports that are metal, brick, rock, stone, or wood;

(7) If only one side of the fence is stained wood or other finished material, the finished side shall face away from the interior of the property; if support components are provided on only one side of the fence, such support components shall be on the side facing the interior of the property;

(8) If a fence crosses a driveway or means of vehicular access to the property, the fence and any gate shall be located so that entering vehicles will be completely off the street when stopped for the gate to open, and such gate shall open parallel to or away from the street;

(9) No chain link, barbed wire, or electrified fences shall be installed or maintained;

(10) No fence, including decorative or ornamental fence tops, shall be designed to include or be constructed of barbed wire, broken glass or any exposed sharp or pointed materials that may penetrate or impale persons or animals.

(c) On a corner lot, a fence may be erected and maintained in a side yard and rear yard adjacent to a street, but may be located no closer than 15 feet from:

(1) The edge of the street curb closest to the property, if the street has a curb; or

(2) The edge of the street pavement, if there is no curb.

(d) If a fence along the side or rear of a lot or property is erected to the property line, adequate access to utility lines and meters shall be provided.

(e) In no event may a fence be erected or maintained in or upon a city right-of-way or public right-of-way, except when installed by the city or its agents for municipal purposes.

(f) All fences shall be maintained in good condition.

#### **From RW Drainage Criteria Manual**

##### **4.4.5 STORMWATER DETENTION**

Aesthetic enhancement is required for exposed concrete of drainage facilities that are visible from adjacent roadways and neighboring properties. All concrete shall be stained and/or stamped concrete or veneered with rock, brick, steel, tile or other material or method that is harmonious with the landscaping and design of improvements, as approved by the City Engineer. If indisputable evidence is provided that demonstrates that drainage facilities will not be visible from adjacent properties or roadways, due to significant differences in elevation, screening may not be required. If topography is claimed in lieu of screening, the developer shall provide a contour map to scale with sections at appropriate intervals that clearly illustrates the topographic differences.

#### **West Lake Hills**

##### **22.03.173 General requirements.**

All fences, especially and particularly those built along streets or on common property lines, shall be well maintained and pleasing to the eye. Fences shall be constructed so that both sides are finished and identical or so that the finished side is the exterior side, that is, the side facing adjacent lots or streets. For fences that have support posts or structures on only one side of the

fence, that side shall be the interior side, that is, the side facing toward the property and structure. Fences shall be muted in color to prevent domination of the landscape or the structures they contain. Fences constructed of materials with a bright or shiny finish must be primed and painted a natural color to comply with this provision.

Prohibited materials.

The use of barbed wire or any other sharp, pointed, or penetrating materials to build new fences is prohibited. Existing fences made of barbed wire, or any sharp, pointed, or penetrating material may not be lengthened or altered except to redesign them in accordance with this regulation.

### **Highland Park, TX**

No code provision for fence materials

### **Olmos Park, TX**

There is an eight-foot height restriction on the *fences* built or altered between the applicable front building setback line and the rear of the property, including a *fence* across the rear of the property. Such a *fence* shall be constructed of ornamental iron, metal, chainlink, hurricane, wood, stone, brick, or block, or a combination thereof. The term "ornamental iron" shall, however, include pillars or supports of other approved materials necessary to support the ornamental iron.

### **Aspen CO.**

Fences shall be constructed of wood, stone, wrought iron, concrete, metal, wire, or masonry. Chain link, plastic, vinyl or synthetic fences are prohibited.

**Question:** Does a row of bushes that are planted close enough together such that it provides privacy constitute a fence?