



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council Meeting
MEETING DATE:	April 15, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on discussion of amending the Wolfforth Code of Ordinances, Article 14.05.009: Fences.
STAFF INITIATOR:	Tara Tomlinson, Director of Development Services

BACKGROUND:

Recently, citizens of Wolfforth have been requesting information on allowable material and of specifications about our current zoning ordinance for fencing. When researching citizen's requests, it has come to the City's attention, that there is little guidance on acceptable fencing and few requirements within our ordinance.

Our current fencing ordinance specifies height requirements and visual clearance requirements on corner lots only. The City of Wolfforth is wanting it incorporate within the ordinance prohibited fence material, along with approved fence material. The purpose is to promote a city that prides itself in citizens maintaining a fence that is structurally sound and in good repair and supports the privacy and security to our citizen's homes.

On Tuesday April 9, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended revising the changes to move chain-link fences from approved material to prohibited material. Current fences will be grandfathered in as a non-conforming use, but all new fences and replacements will need to be from the approved list.

EXHIBITS:

1. Recommended changes to the fencing ordinance with PZ recommendation

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning and Zoning Commission has unanimously recommended approval. Discuss recommended Fencing Ordinance. Take one of the following actions:

1. Approve changes as recommended and then hold a public hearing.
2. Approve changes with revisions and then hold a public hearing.
3. Cancel Public Hearing and advise staff on future steps.