

CITY OF OAK RIDGE
KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDINANCE 40-16
FENCING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES IN F-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONES IN THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, KAUFMAN COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Oak Ridge in Kaufman County, Texas, has determined that it is necessary to regulate residential fencing in the City of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of this Council to protect the health, welfare and property values of the inhabitants of this City.

SECTION I.

A. Approved Fencing Materials

1. Wood
2. Chain link
3. Ornamental iron, steel and aluminum
4. Brick
5. Vinyl
6. Natural stone
7. Cattle panels adjoining ag. zoned property
8. Pipe fencing with a 2 inch diameter minimum
9. Square tubing 2 inch minimum

B. Prohibited Fencing Materials

1. Barbed wire
2. Cinderblock
3. Stone veneer, or faux or manufactured stone

SECTION II.

Requirements

- A. When permit is issued, a drawing must be provided by owner or contractor showing fence location, property lines, easements, & septic lines. Drawing must state fencing material.
- B. Owner or contractor must contact Texas 811 for utility line locations prior to construction.
- C. Rear and side yard privacy fence height is not to exceed 6 feet.
- D. Except for T-Posts, all fence posts must be anchored in concrete.
- E. Fence post holes must be a minimum of 30 inches deep.
- F. A privacy fence is prohibited in the front yard of any property zoned residential. A residentially zoned property may locate a non-privacy fence in the front yard of the property.
- G. All fencing must be structurally sound.
- H. All fences must be permitted in advance of construction.
- I. Homes with a pool with a 6 ft. wooden privacy fence where the finish of the fence (picket side) is on the inside of the perimeter fence must have an anti-climb or chamfered rail on the second fence rail. If there is no inner perimeter fence for the pool, all gates must swing away from the pool, must be self closing and self latching. All gates must have latches 54 inches above ground.
 - 1. Inner perimeter Fencing:
If a home has a pool and no outer perimeter fence, a inner pool perimeter fence is required and must be a minimum of 48" in height. All gates must swing away from the pool, must be self closing, and self latching. If wrought iron fencing is used, picket spacing may be no greater than 3 7/8".

SECTION III.

All fences must be permitted before construction and installation begins. Permits are \$35.

SECTION IV.

Enforcement

Violators will be subject to fines, and any and all other expenses incurred by the City in the enforcement process, including legal expenses, and court and administrative costs.

SECTION V.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION VI.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 28th day of March, 2016.

Al Rudin Mayor

ATTEST:

seal

Donna Sprague, City Secretary