

**Fence Permit
Procedure and Submittal Requirements**

Temple Terrace Municipal code section 25.750.5 defines the City codes regarding fences. Code section 25.755.9 gives additional requirements if the fence is intended to be a barrier for swimming pools. Regardless of whether a permit is required, all fence construction/location must comply with City code.

A survey or plot plan showing the location of the proposed fence and a description or sketch of the proposed fence shall be submitted with the fence permit application.

Single family residence fence permits are generally a turn around permit but the above information must be on file with the permit application.

Conditions of Approval

A fence or wall shall be permitted only within a **SIDE** or **REAR** yard, or in a **FRONT** yard when the depth of the front yard is seventy-five (75) feet or more, or when the fence or wall is decorative in nature, subject to the following provisions:

Maximum height permitted:

Seven (7) feet when in any **SIDE** or **REAR** yard.

Six (6) feet when in a **FRONT** yard having a depth of seventy-five (75) feet or more.

Three (3) feet in a **FRONT** yard when the fence or wall is decorative (Examples are split-rail, corral, picket, wrought iron). This does not include a fence or wall that is constructed of chain-link, board-on-board, solid brick, solid masonry etc.

Three (3) feet when the fence or wall is within thirty (30) feet of the intersection of two (2) street right-of-way lines or the intersection of said lines extended.

- The finished/smooth side of any such fence must face out.
- No roofing, beams, lattice work, barbed wire, or other material or structure shall be attached to or placed upon such wall or fence.
- All fences and walls shall be regularly maintained to continue their structural integrity, and/or to provide a neat appearance and to preserve the aesthetic character of the neighborhood. In the case of exterior subdivision walls, the homeowner's association or condominium association shall be jointly and severally responsible with the home owner for the maintenance of said fence or wall, as well as the grass or landscaped area between the wall and paved surface of the adjoining roadway. Fences and walls which are stained and painted must be maintained with the same and like material.
- Where a chain link fence is visible from a street, and is located in front, rear, or side yard, and the fence is between the house and the street, or the fence is forward of the front of adjacent residence, said fence shall be landscaped by self-supporting plant material in such a manner so as to attain screening of the fence with eighty (80) percent opacity within two (2) years. This does not include chain link fences along side or rear property lines when any part of the side or rear yard is forward of the front of an adjacent house, with the exception of a corner lot.
- Approval does not supersede any required use of utility easement. City/Utilities not responsible for restoration
- **If proposed fence is a swimming pool/spa barrier, fence must be erected in such a way as to be non-climbable and impenetrable; not less than four (4) feet in height; enclosing the area entirely, gates must be of spring-lock type, so that they shall automatically be in a closed position at all times.**
- **Section 25.755.9**
- For properties adjacent to the Hillsborough River, fences located in **Rear** or **Side** yards of Single Family Residential properties is prohibited within fifty (50) feet of the normal high water level of the Hillsborough River.
- Encroachment agreement may be required. Submitted for recordation _____
- date.

The conditions listed above address the most frequent issues regarding fence and wall permits. Additional standards for fence/wall requirements can be found in Section 25.750.5 of the City of Temple Terrace Land Development Code.

Agent/Homeowner

Date

Address

Permit #