

Fence Permit Application

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This is not a permit. Application must be submitted and approved prior to constructing fence.

Location of Subject Property: _____

Name of Applicant(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Name of Owner(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

The applicant will be the point of contact for all communication with city staff

Complete this section if you are the contractor or will be hiring a contractor to install your fence

Name of Contractor: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Prattville Business License #: _____ Alabama General Contractor License #: _____

Current Use of Property: _____

Review the attached Prattville Zoning Ordinance, specifically Section 69.2 for Fence Regulations

Residential Fences

- In rear and side yards, may not exceed 8 feet
- In front yards, may not exceed 4 feet and may not be more than 50% opaque (i.e. not solid)

Nonresidential Fences

- May not exceed 10 feet

A site plan must be attached to this application which shows property lines, existing structures, easements, proposed fence location, and dimensions.

Height of Proposed Fence: _____

Describe the type or materials of the fence (e.g. wood, chain link, etc): _____

All items must be marked as included or understood:

_____ Site Plan

_____ I understand that I am responsible for being aware of and complying with any private covenants, conditions, or restrictions that apply to my property

_____ Fee (Paid when permit is issued)

I have read the above statements and warrant in good faith that I understand and will comply, and that the information submitted is true and correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

-Office Use Only-

Zoning: _____

Historic District: Yes No

Flood Hazard Area: Yes No

Planning Approval _____

Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Building Approval: _____

Date: _____

Section 69.2. - Fences and walls.

(1) *Generally* .

- a. It is unlawful for any person to construct, repair, replace, or cause to be constructed, repaired, or replaced, a fence or wall or any part of a fence or wall in the city without it being permitted. No permit is required for repairs or replacement as defined in this section.
- b. Decorative gate embellishments may not exceed two feet (2') above the height of the fence.
- c. Fences and walls shall not project into a right-of-way or impede sight distance or the sight triangle at intersections as determined by the City Engineer.
- d. Fences and walls shall not be built on or over any public easement without the authorization of the Director of Public Works.
- e. Fences and walls must not adversely affect draining or create debris build-up, nor impede access to metering devices or public utilities, including fire hydrants.
- f. The property owner shall be responsible for observing any private covenants, restrictions, or homeowner association requirements which may impact fences.

(2) *Residential zones* .

- a. Fences and walls in rear and side yards shall not exceed eight feet (8') in height.
- b. Fences and walls in front yards shall not exceed four feet (4') in height and may be no more than fifty percent (50%) opaque (i.e. not a solid barrier);
- c. Fences and walls shall not incorporate barbed wire, razor wire, broken glass, or other elements reasonably capable of causing harm to persons or animals.
- d. For the purposes of this section, on corner lots with two front yards, the primary front yard shall be defined as the yard on the side of the front facade or front entrance, and the secondary front yard shall be the adjacent yard fronting the street.
 - i. Secondary front yards may have fences not exceeding eight feet (8') up to the side setback line based on the zoning district the lot is in.

(3) *Nonresidential zones*.

- a. Fences and walls shall not exceed ten feet (10') in height.

(4) *Repairs and maintenance*.

- a. Property owners shall maintain fences and walls at all times in a state of good repair, safe and secure condition, with all braces, bolts, nails, supporting frame, fastenings, pickets, mesh, and other parts and materials free from deterioration, termite infestation, rot, rust or loosening.
- b. A fence shall not lean more than one inch out of vertical for each foot of height as measured from the top of the fence.
- c. A permit is not required for repair of short sections of legal, nonconforming fences, walls, or gates when repairs are less than two fence panels or a maximum of sixteen feet (16'). A permit is not required for conforming fences when replacement or repair does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total fence length; a rolling twelve (12) month time period is used between repairs or replacement.

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