

GUIDE TO INSTALLING A FENCE ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

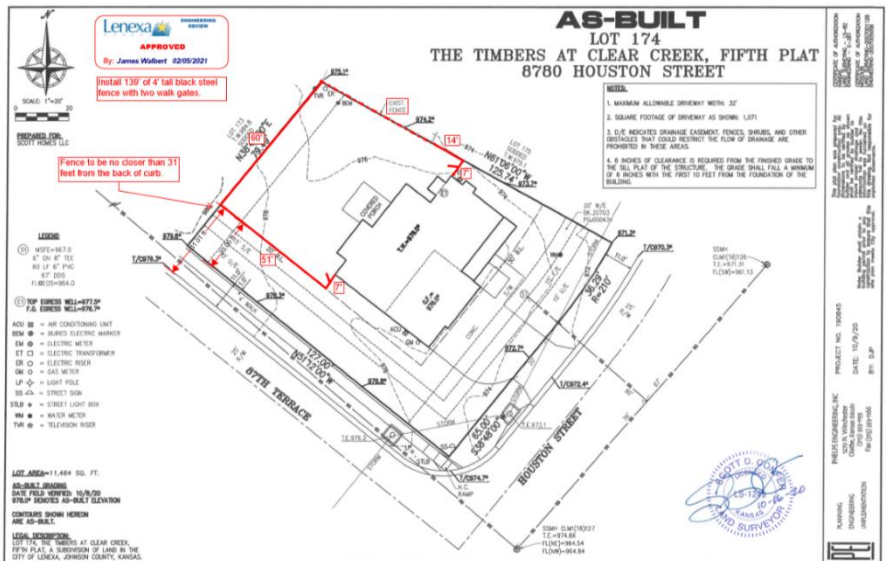
A fence permit shall be obtained and the required fee paid prior to installing any fence or wall. The only fences or walls that do not require a permit are fences used for agricultural purposes on property zoned Agricultural and retaining walls less than 4 feet in height in any zoning district.

Permit Application and Review Process

Fence permits may be applied for online through the [Lenexa Licensing and Permitting Portal](#). Information and directions for using the licensing and permitting portal may be found under the Help tab when you are in the portal.

As part of your fence permit application, please upload the following documents into the licensing and permitting portal:

- Plot plan drawn to scale indicating the location of the proposed fence, all property lines, easements, setbacks and buildings (see examples provided below);
- Information including the total length of fencing, fence height, and building materials; and
- Any additional information to clarify materials, colors, etc.



If you are unsure of the zoning designation of your property or have questions regarding the fence regulations, contact the Community Development Department at 913-477-7500 and ask for the Community Development Technician or Planner of the Day.

Once the fence permit application is complete, the application will be reviewed. The fence permit fee is due at the time the fence permit application is submitted. Submission of the fence permit application and payment of the fees does not indicate approval of the permit. The applicant will be contacted when the application is

approved or if additional information is required. If the permit is denied, the applicant will be contacted and an explanation of the denial will be provided.

General Zoning Requirements

The following general requirements apply to all residential fences:

- **Location:** Fences may not be installed in front of the residence unless the fence is less than 3 feet in height. Fences on corner lots may not have a fence installed in front of the residence, but may have a fence located at the side yard setback for the side street. A fence may be constructed on the rear property line, except for double-frontage lots. The rear yard fence of the double-frontage lot may be no closer to the abutting street than the front building line of the adjacent property.
- **Appearance:** All fences and walls shall be constructed of high-quality material. With the exception of chain link, the finished side of the fence shall face outward from the property and the support posts shall be placed on the inside. If chain link fencing is used, color versions such as green or black-coated vinyl are encouraged. Decorative fences, those not exceeding 3 feet in height and used to add to the aesthetics or attractiveness of the lot upon which it is placed rather than as an enclosure, shall be designed so they are neither solid fences nor opaque screens. Split-rail and wrought-iron fences are examples of the types of fences that could serve as decorative fencing. The total length of decorative fences shall not exceed 75% of the total width of the lot, as measured along the front setback line.
- **Drainage:** All fences and walls shall be constructed to allow for proper surface drainage.
- **Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs:** Fences installed to enclose a swimming pool or hot tub shall be a minimum of 4 feet in height, have a self-latching gate, and constructed so as not to allow a 4-inch diameter sphere to pass through the fence.
- **Prohibitions:** Aboveground electric fences, barbed wire fences or barbed wire assemblies atop fences, and razor ribbon assemblies are prohibited in residential zoning districts.
- **Agricultural Fencing:** In Agricultural zoning districts, when used for agricultural purposes, aboveground electric fences and barbed wire fences are permitted.

The regulations related to fences and walls may be found in its entirety in [Section 4-1-B-24-F-5](#) of the Unified Development Code.

Business License – All contractors are required to have a current Lenexa Business License. If you do not have, or are unsure if you have, a current business license, contact the Community Development Department at 913-477-7500.

Fences in commercial zoning districts are not subject to the same regulations outlined in this document. They are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Community Development staff.