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# City Of Fort Worth Fence Guidelines

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FORT WORTH BUILDING CODE

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## Rules

Fences in the front yard and projected front yard can be no more than 4 feet tall and open design with 50 percent density, such as wrought iron or picket style. Chain link is prohibited in the front yard and projected front yard. Fences may require additional approval if the property is in a historic district. For more information, refer to Chapter 5 Supplemental Use Standards, Article 5.305 of the Zoning Ordinance. Building permits are required for solid fences with a height above 6 feet and for open fences with a height above 8 feet.

**Exception:**

Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high and open wire fences without slats up to 8 feet (2438 mm) high. In addition, both heights may have barbed wire, when installed in accordance with City Code, added above the 6 and 8 feet dimension. horizontal members are part of a fence that is at least 6 feet (1830 mm) in height, the horizontal members need not be on the pool side of the barrier.

**Inspections:** An inspection must be obtained after all barricades, fences, railings and other forms of pedestrian and vehicular protection are in place. A final inspection must be obtained after all such items are removed.

**Existing pools.** Pools in existence that are not covered by any ordinance listed in Section 3109.1 shall comply with this section.

**Pools** shall be completely enclosed by a fence at least 4 feet (1290 mm) in height or a screen enclosure. Such barrier shall comply with provisions of the zoning ordinance and other applicable city codes and ordinances.

A wall of a dwelling or structure is permitted to serve as part of the barrier. Natural topographical barriers such as lakes, rivers, retaining walls, impenetrable hedges, and inaccessible inclines may be substituted as part of the barrier.

3109.6.2 Openings in the fence shall not permit the passage of a 4-inch (102 mm) diameter sphere.

3109.6.3 The fence or screen enclosure shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates. Pedestrian access gates shall open outward away from the pool. All gates or doors opening through such barriers shall be equipped with a device for keeping the gate or door securely closed at all times when not in actual use, except that the door of any dwelling or dwelling unit which forms a part of the barrier need not be so equipped. Such closure

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device shall be attached not less than forty (40) inches above grade. Such gates or doors shall be kept securely closed at all times when not in actual use.

Temporary access through a barrier may be permitted during construction if a temporary barrier is provided during times when such access is not in use.

3109.6.4 No person in possession of land within the city, either as owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant or licensee, upon which is situated an outdoor swimming pool, shall fail to provide a barrier as herein provided.