



Fence Requirements on Private Property

The City of Brookhaven has various fence regulations which govern the styles and height of fences as well as the placement of fences on private property. In order to help you understand how this ordinance apply to fences on your property, the City has created this guide.

Division 9-3. FENCES AND WALLS

27.954 Height

- a. Fences and masonry walls may not exceed 4 feet in height when located in the front yard or 8 feet in height when located in any other (non-front) yard. Gates may be up to 6 feet in height in front yards.
- b. Gates providing vehicle access shall be set back at least 10 feet from the right-of-way or 20 feet from back of curb, whichever results in a greater setback.
- c. Fences and masonry walls over 3 feet in height shall include a column or decorative element at least every 8 linear feet (measured horizontally) to provide architectural variations and eliminate large expanses of blank area.
- d. Masonry wall and fence heights are measured from finished grade at the base of the base of the fence or masonry wall to the highest point of the fence or wall.
- e. Fence and masonry wall columns, posts and ornaments are permitted to exceed the maximum allowed fence and wall heights by up to 2 feet.

27.955 Fence Materials and Design

- a. Chain link fences are prohibited in the street yard areas of R-zoned lots
- b. The finished side of all fences shall face the abutting property and public right-of-way.
- c. Fences on R-zoned lots may not include barbed wire, spikes, or similar devices, or an electric charge.

*** See reverse side for illustrations

FENCE DESIGNS

COLUMNS (at least every 8 linear feet)



DECORATIVE ELEMENT (at least every 8 linear feet)



NOT PERMITTED (solid fence without columns or decorative variations)

