

**City of La Porte
Planning Department
Inspection Division**

FENCING-GUIDELINES

1. **Section 106-789. Fence materials.**

Allowable fence materials shall include:

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| a) Wood pickets | d) Wrought iron |
| b) Chain link | e) Vinyl |
| c) Masonry | f) Bamboo |

Any other materials are subject to approval by the Director of Planning

2. **Section 106-791. Front yard areas.**

No fences, structures, grading or barrier hedges shall be permitted within any front yard areas except in the case of large lot (1 acres or larger) residential; -OR- in the case of lots with a front yard directly adjacent to the shoreline of Galveston Bay, as provided in Section 106-792.

3. **Section 106-792. Residential large lots and lots adjacent to Galveston Bay.**

In the case of residential large lots, eight feet perimeter fences are permitted as an accessory use. In the case of lots with a front yard directly adjacent to the shoreline of Galveston Bay, four feet front yard fences are permitted parallel and adjacent to the side lot lines. However, such fences shall be permitted on the front line directly adjacent to Galveston Bay, and shall only be constituted of chain link. These exceptions do not permit structures, grading or barrier hedges.

4. **Section 106-793- Fences in side and rear yards.**

Within side and rear yards, fences of not higher than 8' including the 6" rot boards and walls 42" high or less shall be permitted.

5. **Section 106-795- Maintenance of fences.**

Both sides of a fence must be maintained in good condition by the owner of the fence and grass/ground cover adjoining the fence must be mowed and weeds removed on a regular basis.

6. **Section 106-796- Barbed wire fences.**

Barbed wire fences shall not be permitted, used or constructed except in industrial districts or to control livestock as hereinafter provided.

7. **Section 106-797 - Property line fences in commercial and industrial districts.**

Property line fences in commercial and industrial district:

Fences in commercial and industrial zones which are primarily erected as a security measure may have arms projecting into the applicant's property on which barbed wire can be fastened commencing at a point at least six feet above the ground, and such fence shall not be erected within the required landscaped portion of any yard of any commercial or industrial establishment. Total fence height, including barbed wire, may not exceed eight feet in height.

8. **Section 106-799- Construction, maintenance of electric fences.**
Electric fences are permitted only for single family dwellings and for the purpose of erecting an enclosure to restrain the movement of dogs and /or livestock. All electric fence equipment so utilized shall be a UL approved product and installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
9. Contractor/Owner are responsible for ensuring that the proposed fence is installed on their property and does not encroach onto the adjacent property.
10. Unload materials on private property, not R-O-W.
11. A fence permit for any fence work which requires a permit, must be obtained prior to commencing any fence work.
12. Any replacement of fence posts (regardless of quantity replaced), shall require a permit.
13. Any replacement of 50% or more of the pickets, stringers/runners along one property line shall require a permit.
14. Replacement of a gate does not need to be permitted unless posts are replaced, then a permit must be obtained.
15. Owner/Contractor is required to provide a drawing, to scale, of the property showing the proposed fence location, materials and dimensions.
16. To locate utility lines, call or contact:
 - 811
 - 1.800.545.6005
 - www.texas811.org
 - Water and Sewer lines - 281-471-9650 - Public Works, City of La Porte (Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
17. To complete the permits and inspection process, please call and schedule a Final Inspection at 281-470-5130.