



City of Howe, Texas

Residential Fence/Retaining Wall Permits

Fences

When is a permit needed? A permit is required for replacing the posts, changing the height, or moving a fence from its current location. A retaining wall that is over 4 feet in height, including the footings, requires a permit and an engineered design. A fence permit is also required for pool enclosures.

What are the requirements for a Fence?

1. Metal fences shall not be allowed in the required front yard in any district, unless it is of a decorative nature, does not cross property lines and shall not prevent access by city crews to water meters.
2. No fence or hedge shall exceed three (3) feet height in the required front yard in any district.
3. No fence shall exceed eight (8) feet in height.
4. Fences shall be constructed of customary urban fencing materials and shall be aesthetically consistent with buildings and fences in the area.
5. For corner lots, no fence shall be constructed within twenty-five (25) feet of the intersection street right-of-way line.
6. Swimming Pools – A wall or fence not less than six (6) feet in height, with self-enclosing and self-latching gates that are lockable at all entrances, completely encloses either the pool area or the surrounding yard area.
7. Be sure to check with your homeowner's association to see if there are deed restrictions that may apply.

What is needed to obtain a permit? A plan review is required for all instances listed above. A permit fee of _____ is due upon permit issuance.

Submittal documents: Fill out a Residential permit application and submit (2) site plans which include the following: (You may use a copy of a survey of your lot and draw the requirements below.)

1. Location of main building on lot and all other structures on property.
2. Location of proposed fence on property.
3. Height of fence.
4. Construction material used.
5. All streets and alleys.
6. Location of pool on property in relation to structures if for purpose of pool enclosure.

Retaining Walls

When is a permit needed? A permit is required for a retaining wall that is over 4 feet in height, including the footings.

What is needed to obtain a permit? A plan review is required for all instances listed above.

Submittal documents: Fill out a Residential permit application and submit (2) site plans which include the following: (You may use a copy of a survey of your lot and draw the requirements below.)

1. Location of main building on lot and all other structures on property.
2. Location of proposed retaining wall on property.
3. All streets and alleys.
4. Engineered design for retaining wall over 4 feet in height (including the footings) to include height of wall and materials used.