

CITY OF AUSTWELL

FENCING ORDINANCE # 2026-005

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FENCING, DUE TO THE HIGH WIND AREA OF AUSTWELL, SETTING PERMITS, FEES, PEMALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES OR PART OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTWELL;

Whereas the City is in the 120 MPH wind zone, all fencing must have a permit application filled out.

Whereas chain link and/or hog paneling, (4) four feet or less in height basically having no wind resistance, will be permitted without inspection.

Whereas all other fencing must be permitted and inspected. All privacy fences are encouraged to use a shadow box design, one where the pickets are alternated inside to out to restrict view, but to reduce wind resistance. Privacy fences in excess of (4) four feet in height must have a post every (8) eight feet or less, embedded in concrete no less that (3) three feet deep. All (6) six-foot privacy fences must have a minimum of (3) three lathes at (2) two feet on center. All fasteners must be double dipped galvanized or stainless. Each picket must have at least (2) two fasteners per lathe. Privacy fences of less than (4) four feet in height must have posts every (8) eight with only (2) two feet post depth in concrete with a minimum of (2) two horizontal lathes utilizing the same nailing pattern.

Whereas privacy fencing is solid so you cannot see through it, no fence greater that (3) three feet in height shall be installed past the front of one's house.

PERMIT/INSPECTION FEES SHALL BE, AT THE TIME OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE, (\$25.00) TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR PERMIT, (\$95.00) NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR INSPECTION. THE TOTAL DEPENDS ON THE TYPE OF FENCE AND NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS REQUIRED (POST HOLE DEPTH) (AND FINAL).

PENALTIES: AS STATED ON THE AUSTWELL BUILDING ORDINANCE.

ANY OTHER TYPE OF FENCE OR FENCING MATERIAL MAY REQUIRE A WINDSTORM ENGINEER TO DESIGN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL.