City of KELLER

Item G-1

PUBLIC HEARING: Consider an ordinance approving amendments to the City of Keller Unified Development Code, adopted by Ordinance No. 1746 dated July 7, 2015, by amending Article 3 - Definitions; Article 8 - Zoning Districts, Development Standards, Tree Preservation, to amend fence requirements; authorizing publication; provide for penalties; and establishing an effective date. City of Keller, applicant. (UDC-19-0004)

Define when a fence permit is required:

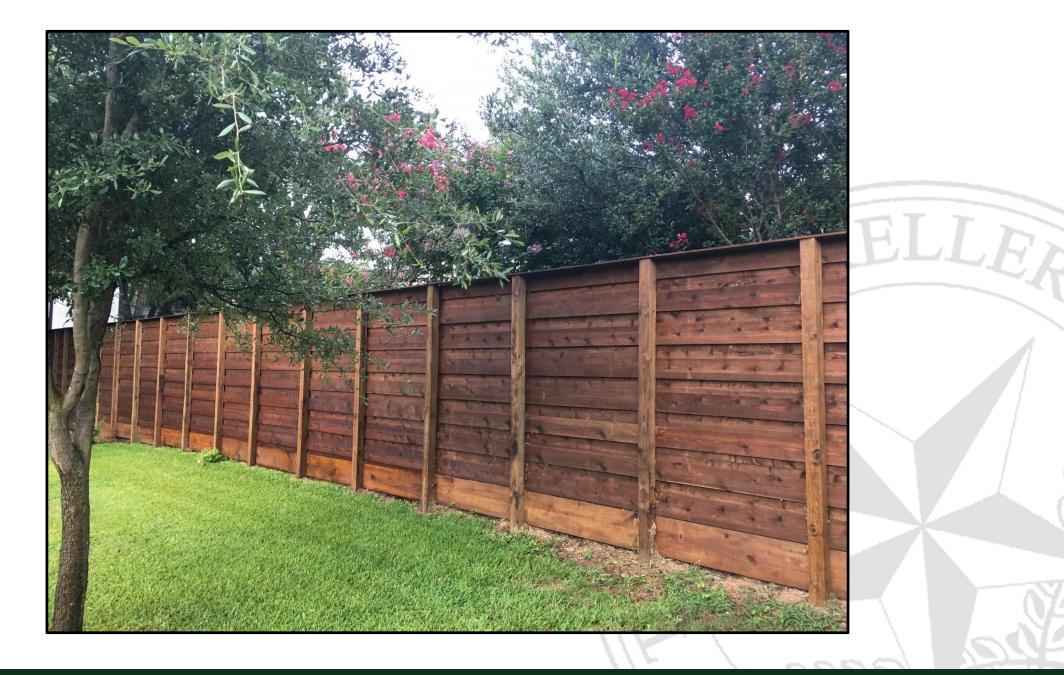
- New fence
- $\circ~$ 8-foot span or more is being replaced
- For agricultural fencing (SF-36, two acres min.): 50% or more of linear footage of parcel perimeter
- Relocation of any fencing





All vertical posts for wood privacy fences shall be metal posts set in concrete.

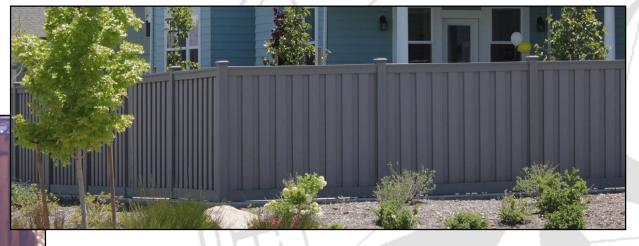




Fence material requirements:

- Permits a combination of materials
- Allows composite decking (i.e. Trex-like products) for fencing materials
- Prohibits vinyl
- Permits slickwire and utility fencing in addition to electric and barbed wire for agricultural purposes
- Requires consistent color





For legal, non-conforming fences (including fences located along thoroughfares), require entire fence to comply with current ordinance if applicant was replacing sixty percent (60%) or more of the fence. This mirrors building code triggers related to structures.



Vinyl-clad Chain Link Fencing:

- Limited to dog runs and athletic enclosures
- Permits up to 10' Height
- Black, Green, or Tan colors
- Cannot be seen from the street

P&Z recommended:

Allow galvanized chain-link fencing for dog runs and sports courts for zoning districts SF-20 and greater if it is not visible from the street.



For front and side yards in zoning districts SF-20, SF-25, SF-30, and SF-36:

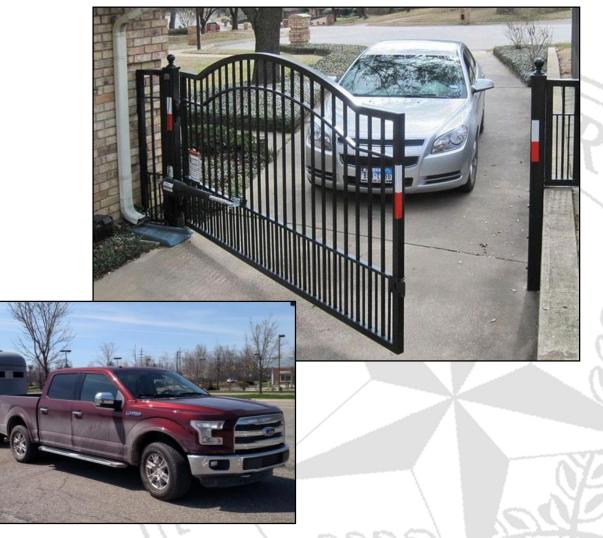
- May use an open-style fence (including thingage wire) up to six feet (6') in height
- For corner lots, a visibility triangle shall be required





Add provisions to address drive gates and minimum depth from street for properties in zoning districts SF-20, SF-25, SF-30, and SF-36.

- Must swing in, away from street
- Minimum 25' from curb or edge of pavement for stacking
- If along a thoroughfare, minimum is 50' from curb or edge of pavement











Require fences in or adjacent to parks, open space areas, drainage easements and drainage ways (including floodplains and floodways) to be constructed of an open iron or tubular steel-type material.

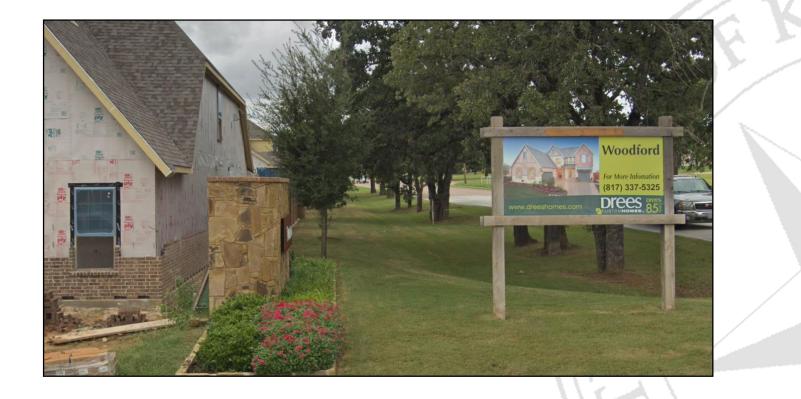


Temporary Chain Link Fences:

- Allow galvanized chain link on a temporary basis for special events
- Require galvanized chain link in conjunction with fence wrap for commercial construction sites and subdivision development of five lots or more
- Allow for marketing on required fence wrap in lieu of development sign



Require a Development Sign for All Non-Residential Developments and All Residential Subdivision Developments (or marketing fence wrap in lieu of sign).



Add Definitions:

- "Composite Decking" (currently not defined in the UDC)
- "Drainage Way" (currently not defined in the UDC)
- "Masonry" to "Masonry Façade" to clarify the term applies to fences and building materials as well as facades
- Under "Signs"
 - Add "Development" (currently not defined)
 - Add "Fence Wrap" (currently not defined)

The Planning and Zoning Commission, at its June 24, 2019, meeting, unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments. Once the amendments have been in place for a couple of months and assuming they are running smoothly, the Commission recommends returning review of fence variance requests to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The City Council has the following options when considering a UDC Text Amendment application:

- Approve as submitted
- Approve with modifications or additional amendment(s)
- Table the agenda item to a specific date with clarification of intent and purpose
- Deny



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