

ORDINANCE NO. 4486

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3908 OF 2003, THE BOSSIER PARISH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO REFLECT CHANGES RELATIVE TO THE PERMITTED HEIGHT OF FENCES AND WALLS.

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, that the following changes to the Unified Development Code relative to the permitted height of fences:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Section 13.12.1 of the Unified Development Code are amended to read as follows: (new language is underlined)

**Section 13.12.1 Materials and Construction**

A. All fences shall be constructed of materials expressly designed for fences, such as wood pickets, chain link, wrought iron or combination of masonry columns and any of the previously listed materials. It is recommended that applicants review their subdivision covenants, if applicable, before applying to the City or Parish for a building permit for construction of a fence. Fence heights is limited to seven (7) feet unless approved as a "Conditional Use" following the approval procedures of Section 3.3.2 and shall meet all or a portion of the following criteria:

1. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, are limited to the exterior boundary of the subdivision.
2. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, may be approved as a component of a Planned Unit Development (PUD).
3. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, may be utilized as an exterior perimeter fence for lots adjoining highways or other streets, railroads, or utilized for compatibility buffers, noise abatement or security.
4. Fences, taller than seven (7) feet in height, may be approved on the exterior perimeter of a subdivision as a component of the subdivision master development plan or subdivision plat.
5. Methods of construction, for fences taller than seven (7) feet in height, shall be reviewed as a component of the "Conditional Use" approval process. Wooden fences, taller than six (6) feet in height, shall have a minimum of three (3) crossmembers to prevent warping of the wooden pickets.

B. On a corner lot, where a rear yard faces the street (on one side), a fence may extend from the rear property line along the building setback line at a height of seven (7) feet. Any fence that crosses a building setback line (front or side) shall not exceed four (4) feet in height beyond the setback line.

C. (language remains unchanged)

D. Masonry walls (brick, stone, etc.) or combination of wrought iron and masonry are limited to the perimeter of subdivisions. All fencing between lots shall be constructed of chain link, wood or other suitable material. Solid masonry, cinder block, or brick walls are prohibited between lots within a residential subdivision unless approved as a component of a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Height of fences, within the PUD, shall be approved by the MPC zoning board as a component of the development plan.

The ordinance was offered by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Avery. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

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