



Fences (residential and commercial)

Permit application requirements

- **Property Survey:** Survey must include the location of the existing home, new fence, and any existing fencing, as well as any easements. You will need a permit to replace an existing fence that follows the same property lines. Fences in the front yard setback area must be no more than 3 feet in height. Please include the material as well: wood, chain link, vinyl, etc.
- **Application (attached)** can also be completed online at MGOConnect.org
- **Historic District:** If the property is located in an Historic District, additional steps may be required. Please email planning@beltontexas.gov.

APPLICATION AND FEES

Complete the Building Permit application with one (1) copy of the survey. Approval usually takes five (5) business days. Upon approval you will be contacted via email to pay the permit fee. Checks may be made out to City of Belton. A 2% processing fee will be assessed if paying by debit or credit card.

\$35 permit fee

Belton uses an online application portal, MGOConnect.org. After you create a login, you may upload plans, receive invoices and pay online, and schedule inspections, all on MGOConnect.org.

INSPECTIONS

1. Site Inspection - Before installation applicant must mark the location of the proposed fence.
2. Final Inspection

Call 254-933-5812 to schedule an inspection, or using your permit number, go to MGOConnect.org

Building Official:

Tim Novinger, 727-0557

Building Inspectors:

Justin Marin, 394-8059

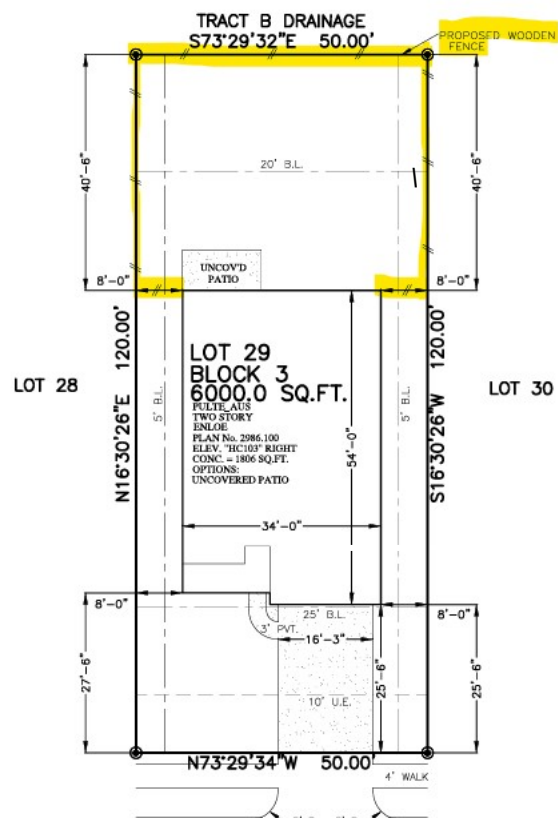
Nolan Carpenter, 780-5421

Note: If your home is on a septic system, first contact the Bell County Public Health District at 254-773-4457.

SURVEY EXAMPLE

"6-foot tall cedar privacy
fence: 97 feet total"

Contact the
Planning Department
(located inside City Hall,
333 Water Street) at
planning@beltontexas.gov
or 254-933-5812 for more
information.
www.beltontexas.gov>>
Departments>> Planning



Sec. 4-37. Fence Requirements.

1. Application

- a. Applicants shall apply for and obtain a permit prior to the construction of a fence at a cost established in the City's Fee Schedule on file with the City Clerk.

2. Definition and Materials

- a. A fence is defined in Section II, of the Belton Design Standards.
- b. Fences may be built with the following materials: wood, chain-link, masonry, concrete, any type of faux-crete, or similar materials, except as prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance and in this ordinance.
- c. Barbed wire fences are not allowed. City staff may make exceptions to this requirement for public utility projects, security reasons, public safety, for property located in areas zoned Agricultural, or for projects that are considered to be in the public interest. The City staff's decision may be appealed to the City Council.
- d. Fence application must be accompanied by a set of sealed engineered plans if its height exceeds six feet and is constructed of any form of masonry, concrete, other than wood or chain link.

3. Fence Location

- a. Fence shall be located only on the owner's property.
- b. Fence shall not be built within or across a utility easement or a drainage easement, unless approved by the utility provider.
- c. Fence shall not be built within or across a joint access easement.
- d. Fence shall not be built in any public ROW, unless approved by the City.
- e. Fence shall avoid the 'visibility triangle' of public street and alley intersections as defined by the Zoning Ordinance.

4. Related Ordinances

- a. Fences shall adhere to the provisions in the Belton Zoning Ordinance, the Design Standards, the Imagine Belton Standards, the Engineering Design Manual and the Building Codes.
- b. Fence shall not interfere with or impede any accessible route as defined by the 2015 International Building Code, Chapter 10 Means of Egress, Sections 1027 and 1028 and Chapter 11, Accessibility, Sections 1101 – 1106, and the 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards, Chapter 2, Sections 206 – 208, Chapter 4 Sections 401 – 406, and Chapter 5, Sections 501 – 503, as amended from time to time.

5. Miscellaneous Requirements

- a. Fence shall not disrupt or impede the design and layout of existing or proposed traffic flow patterns.
- b. The fence shall not create negative impacts to neighboring properties, including but not limited to obstruction of visibility, traffic circulation, access to and from the site, drainage issues, structural encroachments, or safety hazards.
- c. Fences in all commercial multi-tenant developments shall not interfere or otherwise prevent, prohibit, or affect the number of required parking spaces, vehicle circulation, ADA accessibility, the visibility of vehicles travelling on or off-site, shall not cause vehicles to enter the rights-of-way in reverse, or create any other unforeseen impact to existing business, or neighboring properties.