CITY of POOLER
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COUNTY OF CHATHAM }

**ORDINANCE O2024-07.D**
Fence Requirements

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF POOLER CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 22- BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV. FENCES, TO AMEND STANDARDS RELATED TO THE PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pooler that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pooler, Georgia are hereby amended as follows:

**I**

That CHAPTER 22 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE IV – FENCES, be amended by deleting the strikethrough text and adding the underlined text as follows:

**Sec. 22-111. - Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Animal enclosure* means an animal wire or chain link fence, with wood or metal posts with a minimum height of 4 feet and a maximum height of 6 feet ~~as required~~.

*Commercial/security fence* means a fence constructed of wrought iron or similar material, or vinyl coated galvanized chain link fencing material to include an all vinyl coated fence framework system. The ~~vinyl coated~~ fence and framework system shall be black or hunter green with a maximum height of eight feet. The minimum requirement for thickness shall be nine gauge which is defined as the total overall thickness to include the inner wire.

*Decorative* or *ornamental* means a fence constructed of wood, vinyl, masonry and wrought iron or a combination thereof with a maximum height not to exceed ~~36 inches~~ four feet and maximum 70 percent opaqueness.

*Fences.* An artificially constructed barrier of any material or combination of materials that is at least two feet in height when measured from the grade directly below the fence, to enclose, screen, or separate areas.

*Industrial/security fence* means a fence constructed of ~~vinyl coated~~ galvanized chain link fencing material, or wrought iron or similar material, with a maximum height of eight feet. ~~to include an all vinyl coated fence framework system. The vinyl coated fence and framework system shall be black or hunter green with a maximum height of eight feet.~~ The minimum requirement for thickness shall be nine gauge which is defined as the total overall thickness to include the inner wire.

*Residential fence* ~~*Privacy*~~ means a fence constructed of wood or other material as appropriate to maintain aesthetic decor with a maximum height of six feet.

*Utility* means a fence of chain link construction with wood or metal posts with a maximum height not to exceed four feet.

**Sec. 22-112. - Building permit; application.**

(a) A building permit ~~issued by the administrative officer~~ is required in advance of the construction or erection of a fence.

(b) An application for a fence building permit will be accompanied by a ~~simple sketch~~ survey of the property or approved site plan delineating all property lines and easements and showing the dimensions (including height), type, material and location of the fence to be erected. If the fence is a decorative fence, the application shall include a front elevation and cross-sectional drawing of the fence, and the location of the fence and its relation to nearby buildings, utility easements and fire hydrants.

**Sec. 22-113. - Minimum standards.**

The minimum standards for fence construction shall be as follows:

(1) Utility fences shall be restricted to the rear and side yards and shall not exceed the front yard or side yard setback line on the corner lot.

(2) Barbed wire shall not be used above a utility fence.

(3) Residential ~~Privacy~~ fences will be restricted to the rear and side yards and shall not exceed the front yard setback line. The side street setback line is included in this restriction. Residential fences for multi-family residential development are permitted to encroach in the front yard setback line but can be no closer than 15 feet from the front property line or side street property line.

(4) See Chapter 14, section 14-4 for animal enclosure distance requirements for fences. Fenced animal enclosures are restricted to the rear and side yards and shall not exceed the front yard setback line. The side street setback line is included in this restriction.

(5) Decorative or ornamental fences will not be restricted by setback lines. The construction approval must be obtained from the planning and zoning commission and the aldermanic board prior to the issuance of a building permit.

(6) Commercial/security fences shall be allowed provided they do not exceed the dimensions set out in section 22-111. Setback restrictions shall apply for commercial uses or in the commercially zoned districts. Three strands of vinyl coated barbed wire to match the existing fence framework system shall be allowed

on top of a six-foot security fence but is not allowed on an eight-foot security fence.

(7) Industrial/security fences shall be allowed provided they do not exceed the dimensions set forth in section 22-111. Setback restrictions shall not apply in the industrially zoned districts. Three strands of vinyl coated barbed wire to match the existing fence framework system shall be allowed on top of a six-foot security fence but is not allowed on an eight-foot security fence.

(8) All fences shall be kept in good repair; and unless constructed of galvanized or non-corroding metal, shall be given a protective coating as necessary to maintain a clean appearance and safe condition.

**Sec. 214 – 216 – no changes**

**Sec. 22-117. - Violation; penalty.**

Any person violating any provision of this article may be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in section 1-12.

**II**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed.

**III**

If any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**IV**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of Pooler, Georgia.

FIRST READING: 18TH day of NOV., 2024

SECOND READING: 2ND day of DEC., 2024

ADOPTED: 2ND day of DEC., 2024

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Karen L. Williams

Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council