



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 117-329 - FENCES OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

WHEREAS, Section 177-329 of the Jonesboro Code or Ordinances contains rules which need to be updated, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro desires to establish and clarify fencing requirements for lots with multiple street frontage alignments within the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro desires to establish and clarify thresholds governing permit requirements for existing fence repair actions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS:

SECTION ONE: That the Jonesboro Code of Ordinances, Section 177-329 shall be repealed and replaced according to Exhibit "A" hereto attached.

SECTION TWO: The requirements of said code shall be enforced by the City of Jonesboro Planning Department, Inspections Department, Engineering Department, Code Enforcement or a designee of the Mayor. Violations of the code will be cited to Craighead County District Court as a violation of city ordinance, subject to fines and costs as prescribed in the Jonesboro City Code of Ordinances.

SECTION THREE: The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, each invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

ATTEST:

April Leggett, City Clerk

Sec. 117-329. - Fences (permit required).

Except as otherwise specifically provided in other codes and regulations, the following regulations shall apply to the construction of all fences:

(1) *Maximum height.* Fences shall not exceed six feet in height, unless approved by the planning commission.

a. Front yards. Fences that are 50 percent open may be erected to a maximum height of four feet in the front yard.

b. Fencing in the I-1 and I-2 districts, areas abutting interstate highways, around tennis courts and other recreational amenities, and on lots or tracts containing five acres or more shall be exempt from the height limitation.

(2) *Corner visibility.* Fences shall comply with the corner visibility standards of [section 117-327](#).

(3) *Construction materials.* Fences in all residential zoning districts shall be constructed so that the horizontal and vertical support posts are inside the fence area or hidden from view of those outside the fenced area. This requirement shall not apply to fences that abut nonresidential zoning districts, lots abutting interstate highways, or in situations where the owner of the lot adjacent to the fence gives written permission of a plan for placing support posts on the outside of the fence. All exposed steel, except galvanized metal, shall have a color finish coat applied to them and be preserved against rust and corrosion.

(4) *Design and maintenance.* All fences shall be maintained in their original upright condition. Fences designed to be painted or have other surface finishes shall be maintained in their original condition as designed. Missing boards, pickets, or posts shall be replaced in a timely manner with material of the same type and quality.

a. A permit is required to repair or replace more than two (2) sections, or 16 feet, of preexisting fence. A permit is not required for non-structural vertical or horizontal repair actions such as replacement of existing fence planks.

b. If a property owner is building or repairing a fence themselves, they are responsible for obtaining the necessary permit. However, if a contractor is hired, it is their responsibility to obtain the permit. The permit holder must comply with all City of Jonesboro building codes and ordinances, as well as adhere to setbacks, easements, and right-of-ways.

(5) *Setbacks.*

a. Front Setbacks shall follow the zoning requirements for that district.

b. Interior Side Setbacks are not required.

c. Exterior Side Setbacks shall be a minimum of 10 feet from the edge of the property line.

d. Rear Setbacks are not required.

(6) Prohibited.

- a. Barbed wire and electrified fences shall be prohibited on all lots of less than two acres in area.
- b. Fencing shall be prohibited within any street right-of-way. Exact location of fencing shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- c. Fencing shall not obstruct the passage or storage of floodwater, surface runoff, or stormwater along lot lines as regulated in [section 112-129](#) of [chapter 112](#), Stormwater Management, of this Code.