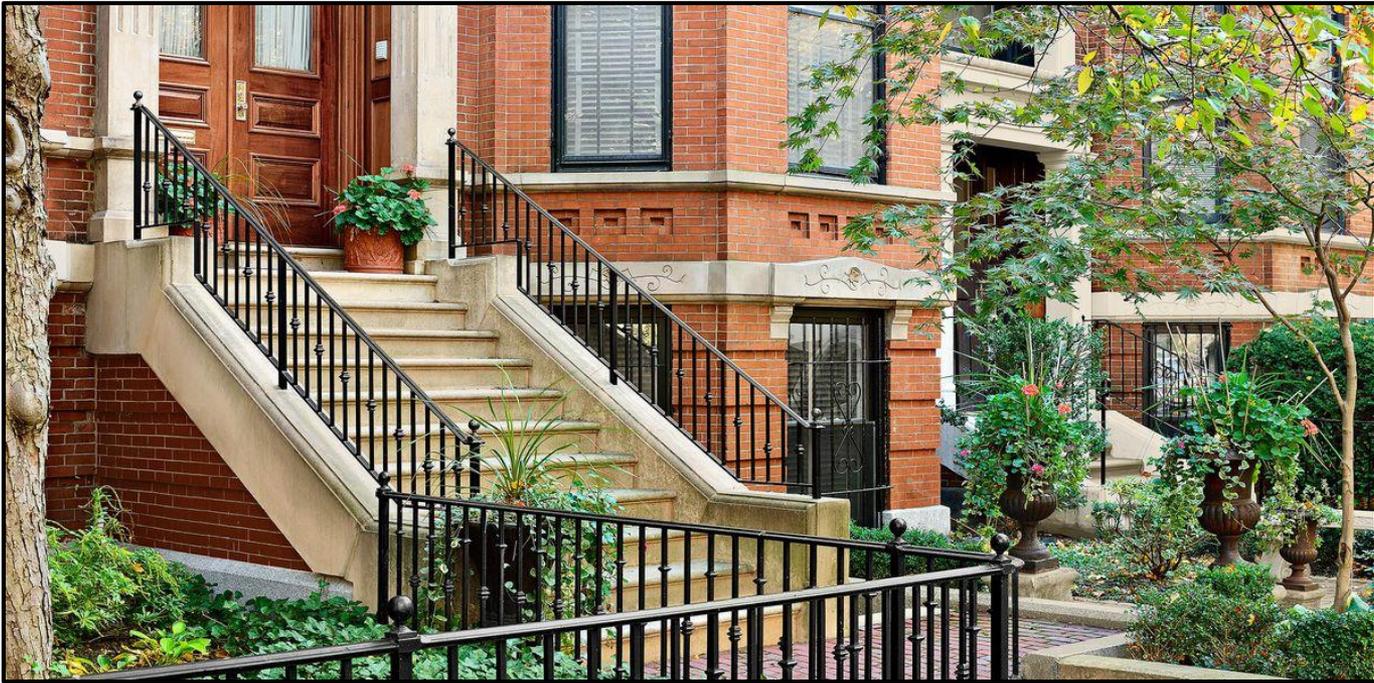




Development
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Building a Better and Safer Austin Together

Safe Fence Resolution



Purpose

**To provide an update regarding the
2022 Safe Fence Resolution
20211104-039**

History

- **November 9, 2020** - Beth Culver and proponents of change presented to the board a possible code change that would impact fence design for the life and safety of children, pets, wildlife and contractors in our community.
- **June 4, 2021** – Building and Fire Board Working Group met to draft resolution for fence safety requirements.
 - **Group Members**
 - ✓ Rick Arzola
 - ✓ Tony Hernandez
 - ✓ Julie Damian
 - ✓ David King
 - ✓ Alan Schumann
 - ✓ Ashley Juraska
 - ✓ Aubrey Brasfield
- **June 23, 2021** - Board Member Juraska made a motion to recommend the resolution, Chairman Schumann seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Council Direction

- Initiated amendments to the Technical Codes to address dangerous fence design including spiked pickets, spiked bars and other spiked decorative elements that protrude above the top horizontal bar of a fence.
- Directed the City Manager to work with stakeholders to explore:
 - Requiring flat top styles on new fences of all lengths
 - Applying flat top fence requirements to all new fences of six feet tall or shorter
 - Applying flat top fence requirements to substantial fence repairs or remodeling of 50% or more of an existing fence

Engagement Schedule

The schedule includes virtual and in person engagement as outlined below:

Audience	Date	Time	Format
DSD Divisions	04.26.22	1 – 2 pm	Virtual (Teams)
Partner Departments	04.27.22	9 – 10 am	Virtual (Teams)
Building and Standards Commission	04.27.22	6:30 pm	TBD
Historic Landmark Commission	05.04.22	6:00 pm	TBD

Community Audience	Date	Time	Format
SpeakUp Austin	04.25.22 – 06.05.22	N/A	Online-recorded presentation
Engagement #1 (Saturday)	05.07.22	10 am – 12 pm	In-Person/ PDC
Engagement #2	05.10.22	10 am – 12 pm	Virtual (Zoom)
Engagement #3	05.16.22	10 am – 12 pm	Virtual (Zoom)
Engagement #4	05.26.22	6 – 8 pm	In-Person/ PDC

Internal Audience

Inform/Engage (Partner Departments/ DSD Divisions/ Boards and Commissions):

Partner Departments

- Animal Services
- Austin Code
- Austin Energy
- Austin Fire
- Austin Public Health
- Austin Resource Recovery
- Austin Water
- Aviation
- Building Services
- Housing and Planning
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Small and Minority Business Resources
- Watershed Protection

DSD Divisions:

- Building Inspections
- Building Plan Review
- Customer Experience Unit
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Development Process Team
- Environmental Inspections
- Land Use Review
- Neighborhood Assistance Center
- Site and Subdivision Inspections

Boards/ Commissions:

- Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Building and Standards Commission
- Historic Landmark Commission
- Planning Commission

External Audience

- American Fence Association (TX Chptr)
- American Institute of Architects (Austin)
- American Society of Landscape Architects (Austin)
- Asian Contractor's Association
- Associated General Contractors
- Austin Apartment Association
- Austin Association of Builders
- Austin Board of Realtors
- Austin Contractors and Engineers Association
- Austin Home Builders Association
- Austin Hotel and Lodging Association
- Austin Infill Coalition
- Austin Tenant's Association
- Capital Metro
- Black Contractor's Association Community Registry
- Churches/ Religious Institutions
- Fence Contractors/ Companies
- Fence/ Pool permit applicants (Residential & Commercial/ 2019-2021)
- Hispanic Contractor's Association
- Historic Preservation stakeholders
- Habitat for Humanity
- Housing Authority of the City of Austin
- National Association of Remodeling Industry Pool Contractors/ Companies
- Pool and Hot Tub Alliance
- Real Estate Council of Austin
- School Districts
- Texas Hotel and Lodging Association

Questions/Comments

