




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** José G. Roig, Director, Development Services Department 

**DATE:** August 8, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Staff Response to Resolution No. 20211104-039 – Fence Designs**

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This memo provides the final staff response to [Resolution No. 20211104-039](#), relating to Fence Designs, which directed staff to initiate code amendments to City Code Chapter 25-12 (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. The following changes were directed by council:

- Requiring flat top styles on new fences of all lengths.
- Applying flat top fence requirements to all new fences of six feet tall or lower.
- Applying flat top fence requirements to substantial fence repairs or remodeling of 50% or more of an existing fence

Staff presented these changes to the Planning Commission on May 23, 2023, where they were approved on a vote of 8-0. These changes were also brought forward for council consideration as agenda [Item 156 on the July 20, 2023](#), Council Meeting agenda where they were approved and the ordinance adopted.

This item is now complete. Should you have any further questions please reach out to Tony Hernandez, Program Manager of Construction and Inspection Services, Development Services Department, at (512) 974-1230 or [tony.hernandez@austintexas.gov](mailto:tony.hernandez@austintexas.gov).

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