

RECOMMENDED UDC CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS. 24-01-CTAC.

The City of Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC) undergoes regular review to ensure that the Code promotes sound, stable, and desirable development to correct errors in the text or to reflect the changing nature of business in our community. These proposed amendments will be intended to be more user-friendly, concerning the electrification of fences, with all provisions included herein.

Staff is requesting the Shreveport UDC be amended as follows: ~~strikeout~~ indicates deleted text, underline indicates added text].

1. Add new definition "Battery-Charged Fence" in ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF MEASUREMENT, SECTION 2.3 DEFINITION OF GENERAL TERMS in the Shreveport UDC. This new definition will need to be alphabetized accordingly.

2.3 DEFINITION OF GENERAL TERMS

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Battery-Charged Fence. A new or existing alarm system and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system, including but not limited to: a fence, a battery-operated energizer which is intended to periodically deliver voltage impulses to the fence connected to it, and a battery charging device used exclusively to charge the battery. However, "battery-charged fence" does not mean an electrically charged fence used for agriculture or animal containment purposes.

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2. Amend development standard regulation in "Fences and Walls" in ARTICLE 7. ON-SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 7.3 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES, SUBSECTION 7.3.L in the Shreveport UDC.

7.3 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES

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L. Fences and Walls

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4. Fence and Wall Construction and Design Requirements

- a. When only one side of a fence is finished, the finished side of all fences must face away from the lot on which it is located. Fences constructed on property lines dividing single-family residential lots are exempt from this provision.
- b. A fence or wall, including all posts, bases, and other structural parts must be located completely within the boundaries of the lot on which it is located.
- c. No fence may be electrified, unless it is a battery-charged fence and meets the following requirements, as established by state law:
 - i. Interfaces with a monitored alarm device in a manner that enables the alarm system to transmit a signal intended to summon law enforcement in response to an intrusion or burglary.
 - ii. Is located on property that is not zoned exclusively for residential use.
 - iii. Has an energizer that is powered by a commercial storage battery that is not more than twelve volts of direct current.
 - iv. Has an energizer that meets the standards set forth by the International Electrotechnical Commission Standard 60335-2-76, current edition.
 - v. Is surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall that is not less than five feet in height.
 - vi. Is the higher of ten feet in height or two feet higher than the height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.
 - vii. Is marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on the battery-charged fence at not more than forty-foot intervals and that read: "WARNING-ELECTRIC FENCE".

State law reference—La. R.S. 33:1376