

RECOMMENDED UDC AMENDMENTS. January 5, 2022

The City of Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC) undergoes regular review to ensure that the Code promotes sound, stable, and desirable development. Periodically, revisions are required to correct errors in the text or to accommodate changed or the changing nature of business in our community. These amendments will affect the following articles, or portions thereof: Article 7. On-Site Development Standards, by updating the fence height requirements in residential and non-residential districts, with all their provisions included therein.

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

Explanation: The purpose of these code text amendments is to increase the maximum allowable non-open fence height located in the corner side and reverse corner side yards in residential districts. The intent is to align the UDC with the regional and national fence code standards and to provide a user-friendly code that reduces the need for variance applications.

1. Amend and add new subsections in ARTICLE 7. ON-SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 7.3 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES. Subsection 7.3.L.2.:

a. Fence Height in Residential Districts

- i. In the front, corner side, and reverse corner side yards, an open fence is permitted up to a maximum height of six feet. Any other type of fence (any non-open fence), wall, or hedge is permitted in the front, ~~corner side, and reverse corner side~~ yards but is limited to a maximum height of three feet.
- ii. Any other type of fence (any non-open fence), wall, or hedge is permitted in the corner side, and reverse corner side yards, but is limited to a maximum height of six feet. The height of the fence may exceed six feet to maintain an even fence line only when grade decreases from the highest grade where the fence is to be installed, and in no case shall the total fence height exceed eight feet.
- iii. In the interior side and rear yards, a fence of any type, wall, or hedge is permitted up to a maximum height of eight feet.
- iv. No solid fence permitted or required by this Article, or other sections of this Code, shall be built within the sight triangle, as identified in Article 7.1.E of this code.

2. Amend and add new subsection in ARTICLE 7. ON-SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 7.3 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES. Subsection 7.3.L.3:

3. Barbed Wire and Razor Wire Fences

- a. Barbed wire, razor wire, spiked posts, or fences of similar material are only permitted on a lot used for a utility in any district, or in the R-A, C-3, C-4, I-MU, I-1, or I-2 District.
- b. Barbed wire, razor wire, and similar material must be located a minimum of eight feet above the adjacent ground.