## SANDY SPRINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## FENCE AND WALL PERMIT APPLICATION



## FENCE AND WALL AGREEMENT

Fences and walls shall comply with the following section of the Sandy Springs Development Code and all other Code requirements.

## Sec. 8.2.10. Fences and Walls

## A. Height

1. Residential front yard fences and walls located between the primary street and the front wall plane of the house may contain a solid or opaque fence or wall no more than 4 feet in height. A fence may exceed 4 feet in height where designed with a spaced picket design approved by the Director. The gap between pickets must be a minimum of 2 inches. The picket to opening ratio is at least $2: 1$ for vertical pickets and $1: 1$ for horizontal elements.
2. All other fences and walls, including side and rear yard residential fences and walls, may contain a solid or opaque fence or wall provided they do not exceed a height of 8 feet above grade.
3. Height is measured from the finished grade to the highest point of the fence or wall between columns or posts.

4. Column and ornament heights are permitted to exceed the maximum height by no more than 3 feet.

## B. Placement

1. Setback

Fence and wall footings must be entirely contained within the property and cannot encroach onto a property line.

## 2. Obstruction

Fences, walls, hedges and other vegetation must not obstruct the minimum sight distance requirements and must not:
a. Prohibit proper lines of sight for public safety and law enforcement;
b. Impede the flow of water or the normal pattern of natural wildlife; or
c. Impair or block the vision of vehicle drivers so as to constitute a safety hazard.

## C. Design Standards

## 1. Applicability

The requirements of this Section do not apply to IX- Districts or stormwater facilities.

## 2. Materials

## a. General Provisions

i. Fences or walls must be constructed of wood, brick, stacked stone, stucco, ornamental metal or other durable material approved by the Director in all zoning districts. Chain-linked fencing is allowed only in side and rear yards (provided they are not parallel to a street), and must be vinyl-coated.
ii. Vinyl is prohibited, except that existing vinyl fences may be replaced in kind.
iii. Barbed wire, razor wire and concertina wire are prohibited.
iv. Walls and fences must be constructed with the finished side facing towards the street and adjoining properties, away from the improvement it is meant to screen.

## b. Parallel to a street

The following regulations apply to all fences parallel to a street and located between the right-of-way and building setback line.
i. Where the fence or wall is at least 6 feet in height, a minimum 3-foot landscape strip must be provided between the fence or wall and any street.
ii. All street-facing fences must have masonry (brick stone, or stucco finish) piers separating fence panels with a maximum length of approximately 24 feet. Piers are required at any point where the fence changes direction. Piers must be at least 12 inches wide.
iii. All street-facing walls must provide architectural variations such as columns to eliminate large expanses of blank areas, approximately every 24 feet.

## D. Color

Only black, white or earth tones are permitted. Primary and neon colors are prohibited.

## E. Retaining Walls

See Sec. 9.4.3.

## F. Electrical Permit

Any fence that includes electrical equipment requires an electric (building) permit.

## G. Gates

1. Gates, whether electronically or manually operable, are allowed on individual properties. Gates must open inwardly (doors opening towards the property) and must be located a minimum of 30 feet from the edge of pavement.
2. Public and private streets cannot be gated.
3. Gates must follow all design standards of this article, they may however be up to 3 feet taller in height than the fence or wall it is attached to.
4. Stand-alone gates, such as those on a private driveway, must have masonry (brick, stone or stucco) piers on either side.

## H. Pool Enclosures

Pool enclosures must meet the standards of this Division and comply with the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

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## OWNER AFFIDAVIT

I $\qquad$ (please print) on the $\qquad$ of $\qquad$ 20 $\qquad$ , have read and understand the above fence and wall requirements. I further agree to abide by all the requirements outlined above. If I or my contractor construct the subject fence or wall out of compliance with these standards, then I understand that I will be subject to enforcement by the City of Sandy Springs.

The additional following forms/items are required to be submitted:

- Permit application form
- Site plan to scale showing location and length of the fence
- Fence detail (Elevations, photographs, etc.)

Documents must demonstrate compliance with Sections 7.8.22.A.2.d., 8.2.10., and 9.4 .3 of the Sandy Springs Development Code.

## Property Owner Signature

Name (please print)

## Signature

Notary:

Name (please print)

## Signature

Date

## Date

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