WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES?

- Complete and submit an application to Building Inspection. See this pamphlet for directions to our locations and internet site. The application form can be downloaded from our internet site.

- Applicants are usually not required to submit a site plan.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The cost is based on the value of the work with a minimum fee of $100.00.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET A FENCE PERMIT?

Normally, a fence permit is issued while you wait. Historic Districts take longer due to the review requirement by the Landmark Commission.

HOW CAN I CONTACT BUILDING INSPECTION?

For telephone assistance, call 214-948-4480. Our helpful staff will answer your general questions or route you to appropriate staff for technical questions. For direct access to the Interactive Voice Response System, call 214-670-5313 or access the system online at www.dallascityhall.com by locating City Departments then click on Building Inspection. You can obtain more information about the processes described in this brochure, access the Dallas Development Code, see zoning maps, and download the forms used for permit applications.

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WHEN IS A FENCE PERMIT REQUIRED?

A fence permit is required to erect a fence or wall over four (4) feet in a required front yard setback or over six (6) feet high if located elsewhere on private property.

WHAT SPECIAL REGULATIONS SHOULD I BE AWARE OF?

Special zoning areas called Planned Development Districts, Historic Districts, and Conservation Districts may have unique requirements for fences. To determine if you are in one of these districts and to obtain details about district regulations, call 214-948-4480 or look at the zoning maps on our internet site at www.dallascityhall.com. Locate City Departments, then click on Department of Development Services, and finally Zoning Maps.

If you are not in a special district the following general rules apply:

- In a required front yard setback, fences for single family and duplex uses are limited to four (4) feet above grade. Corner lots may have both street frontages considered as front yard setbacks. NOTE: Must have scale site plan for zoning approval.
- Fences on the remainder of the lot may not exceed nine (9) feet in height.
- Barbed wire may not be used for fencing unless it is located six (6) feet or more above grade AND does not project beyond the property line.
- Fences may not be located in easements.
- Swimming pool enclosures have additional fence regulations. See the “How to get a Swimming Pool Permit” guide at any Building Inspection office, call 214-948-4480, or check our Internet web page.
- All fences must provide fire-fighting access to the side and rear yard.
- A fence must not be placed within a visibility triangle at street, alley or driveway intersections if the fence is higher than two and a half (2 1/2) feet measured from the top of the adjacent street curb. See the illustration on the following page.