



Development CITY OF AUSTIN
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Building a Better and Safer Austin Together

Safe Fencing Regulations

Resolution No. 20211104-039

April 27, 2022

Resolution No. 20211104-39

- Initiated code amendments to address dangerous fence design including spiked elements that protrude above the top horizontal bar of a fence
- Directed the City Manager to evaluate:
 - 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

Resolution Findings

- City Code currently allows some spiked fence styles that can pose significant risk to humans and animals, including:
 - Entrapment and impalement of children
 - Workers performing roof and gutter maintenance
 - Pets or wildlife that jump over fences
- Purpose of the meeting is to obtain commission feedback on proposed amendments



Options

- 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
- Other considerations



Next Steps

Internal Engagement Series:

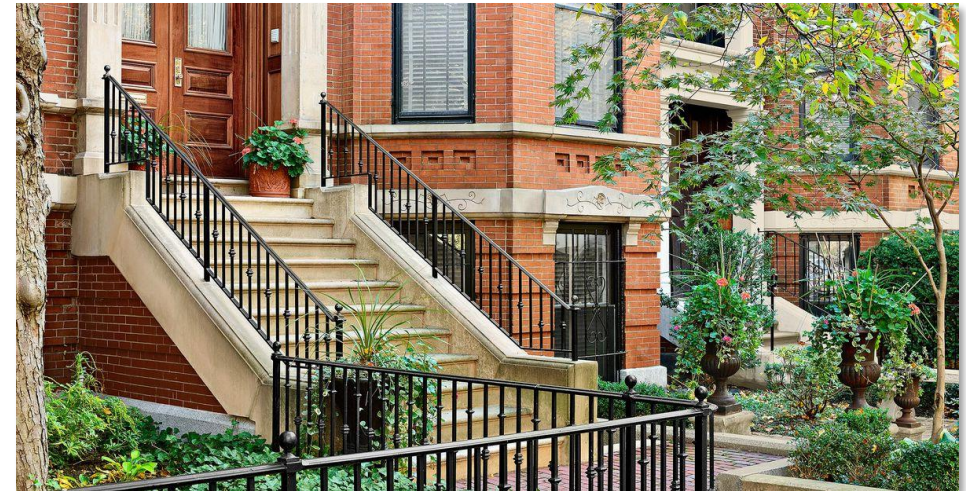
04.26.22	DSD Divisions
04.27.22	Partner Departments
04.27.22	Building and Standards Commission
05.04.22	Historic Landmark Commission

External Engagement Series:

04.25.22 – 06.05.22	SpeakUp Austin Platform
05.07.22/ 05.26.22	In-Person Public Engagements
05.10.22 / 05.16.22	Virtual Public Engagements

Once engagement concludes:

- Develop recommendations based on stakeholder feedback
- Move amendments forward for Board/ Commission/ Council review





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Thank you!