

- A fence permit is required for any new wood privacy fence with a height of 5 feet or more. The permit fee is \$25.
- Use galvanized steel pipe for the vertical posts (not wood), set in a concrete footing at the appropriate depth for the height of the fence.
- Leave at least one inch between the ground and the bottom of your fence.
- Be sure to check that fence panels and horizontal stringers on your wood privacy fence meet the minimum dimensions required by ordinance.
- The finished (flat) side of your fence should face outside your yard to the street and neighboring properties. The stringers and posts should be on the inside of your fence.
- If you are replacing or repairing an existing 6-foot tall fence, a fence permit may not be required. Determine the total linear footage of the fencing on your property. If your repair or replacement is less than half of that total linear footage, you won't need a permit.
- A fence over 6 feet in height ALWAYS requires a fence permit (no matter what type of fence). The maximum height for a residential fence is 8 feet.
- If you are using a fence contractor to build your fence, be sure the contractor checks with the City for specific construction regulations that apply to your property.

**For more information on fencing, call the Planning Department at 817-276-4259, or visit the city's website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov/Departments/Planning](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/Departments/Planning)**

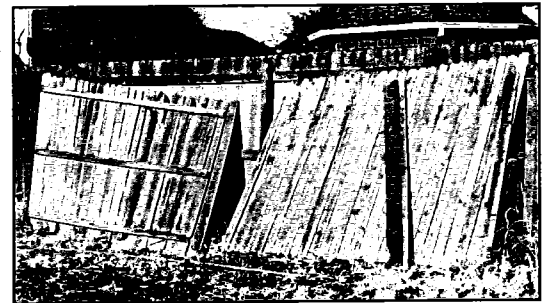


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## **Mansfield has new construction standards to enhance the safety and appearance of your wood privacy fence**



*More secure construction*



*Safety hazard*

**If you are building or repairing a wood privacy fence after Dec. 10, 2012, the new regulations may apply to you!**

*See reverse for more details.*