

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning & Codes

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Amendments to the Code of Ordinances and the UDC to remove permitting requirements for fences.

Date: April 27, 2022

Currently, the City of Seguin requires permits and inspections for fence construction. Building Inspectors do not, however, inspect the fences for structural integrity or building standards, but for compliance with the standards of Section 5.7 of the UDC. The fee for the permit is minimal, but it does add a significant amount of time and effort for both the customers and city staff.

City staff is recommending an amendment to the UDC to remove the requirement to obtain a permit and inspections for fence construction. The regulations and standards adopted in Section 5.7 will remain enforceable by the City of Seguin and city staff will continue to assistance property owners with questions about the adopted requirements. The proposed changes only affect the requirement to obtain a building permit for the fence construction.

The proposed amendments were presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission at their regular meeting on April 12, 2022. Following a public hearing the Commission voted to recommend approval of the amendments to the UDC. Attached please find a copy of the final report from the Commission and a copy of the proposed ordinance amendments.