



Community Development Policy and Procedure Statement

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SUBJECT: Job Site Safety Fence Protection

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Purpose: Due to concerns from local residents and City staff members related to unprotected open trenches, overhead work and excavated sites, the Louisville Building Department will begin to implement and enforce fencing requirements for active construction sites to ensure that reasonable levels of safety, public health and general welfare of the community are met. Many of these sites are not protected to keep pedestrians, children and pets from falling into areas that are excavated or keep people out of active construction sites. The Department of Building Safety will require security/safety fencing around all construction sites until such time that the structure is dried in, overhead work is done and the doors are locked.

Policy: This policy is to give guidance when there shall be a safety/security fence on the construction site and to what degree of fencing is required.

Residential Construction Sites: A minimum of a 4 foot chain link fence or equivalent, with latching and locking gate, as approved by the Building Department shall be installed on all perimeters around the area of disturbance or property lines for open pits and construction sites with overhead work.. A sign shall be on the fence with the following information: Address Numbers minimum of 4" high min width ½ " , Contractors Name and Phone Number, Owners Name and Permit number. (*The sign shall be a*

minimum of 3 ft by 3 ft with contrasting lettering that can be visible 25 ft away). The fence shall secure the site to prevent unauthorized people and animals from entering the job site. The fence shall be tight and orderly at all times. The fence shall **only** be erected on the permit holder's property. Gates in the fence shall be latching and locking.

Commercial Construction Sites: A minimum of a 6 foot chain link fence or equivalent, with latching and locking gate, as approved by the Building Department, shall be installed on all perimeters around the area of disturbance or property lines for open pits and construction sites with overhead work. On sides adjacent to residential properties and located in areas known to have large amounts of pedestrian traffic the fence shall be scrimmed with either a green or black scrim. There shall be a sign on the fence that states the following: Address Numbers minimum of 4" high min width 1/2 ", Contractors Name and Phone Number, Owners Name and Permit number. *(The sign shall be a minimum of 3 ft by 3 ft with contrasting lettering that can be visible 25 ft away)*. The fencing shall be secured to the ground and designed to meet local wind loads and impacts of snow from plows *(if next to the street)*.

