

## GUIDELINE FOR FENCE INSTALLATIONS

This is a general guideline for fences to be installed within a lake maintenance easement or drainage easement within the boundary limits of South Broward Drainage District (SBDD).

Fences may be allowed to be installed in the lake maintenance easement and/or drainage easement provided they meet certain standards - each lot is looked at on a case by case basis and the fence requirements may vary. Please note, there may be some situations where fences may not be installed in these easements.

Fence permits are to be obtained from SBDD prior to any fence installation where the fence encroaches into a lake maintenance easement or drainage easement. The permit fee for a fence permit is \$75.00 plus a \$25.00 placard fee. Total cost of permit is \$100.00 payable in check or money order only.

- 1) All fences to be constructed in the lake maintenance easement must be made of either aluminum, chainlink, or PVC and the fence must be see-thru (picket or rail type). There will be no wood fences allowed in the lake maintenance easement.
- 2) Fences running perpendicular into the lake maintenance easement are recommended to encroach a minimum of 12' into the lake maintenance easement (measured from the top of the easement towards the water). It is also recommended/optional that 12' access gates or removable panels be installed in this location. There are specific situations that a 12' access gate may be required.
- 3) In situations where the fence to be constructed in the lake maintenance easement will run parallel to the lake maintenance easement, a 42" minimum access gate will be required along that fence line.
- 4) For fences running perpendicular into a drainage easement, a 4' access gate will be required along the fence line in the easement. Wood fences will be allowed in a drainage easement provided that the wood fence does not encroach into the lake maintenance easement (see # 1 above).
- 5) For wood or PVC board on board fences, shadowbox fences, etc. installed in a drainage easement that is intended to be used as a drainage swale, the bottom of the fence must be installed a minimum of 3" above the existing ground. Fences should not hinder the flow of the water to the catch basin. Also, fences should be setback from drainage structures so that the lid and/or grates can be easily removed.
- 6) Property owner is responsible for maintaining easements located on property (i.e. mowing grass).
- 7) Side yard setback grades and rear yard grades shall not be altered.
- 8) Permit ID Placard shall be installed on fence at the location shown on the permit or as approved by SBDD. Placard should be secured to fence prior to calling for final inspection.

If the District requires the use of the easement enclosed by the fence, it is acknowledged by the permittee that the District shall not be liable for any damage that is done to the fence during the District's ingress and/or egress.

If you have any questions please call our office at (954) 680-3337.