

## FENCES

- No fence, wall, vegetation, or any combination thereof shall extend more than 0.9m (3 ft.) above the ground in any front yard area except on corner lots where one yard is considered as the side yard.
- In residential land use districts, fences in rear and side yards shall be limited to 1.8 m (6 ft.) in height.
- Fences in commercial and industrial land use districts shall be limited to 2.4 m (8 ft.) in height unless otherwise stipulated.
- Fences are prohibited from encroaching into municipal property, including roads, lanes and rights-of-way.



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# DECKS, BALCONIES, PATIOS & FENCES



**WHAT YOU NEED  
TO KNOW**

## DO I NEED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT?

A development permit is needed for the construction of any deck that is 0.6 m (2 ft.) or more above grade. If building a ground level deck it must still meet building standards and setback requirements.

A development permit is also needed if the deck is being attached to a principal building or if it is being covered or enclosed regardless of height.

Once the development permit has been approved, building permits can be applied for through Superior Safety Codes.

A development permit is **NOT** needed for the erection of fences, gates, or hedges but must meet the height stipulations as outlined in the Land Use Bylaw.

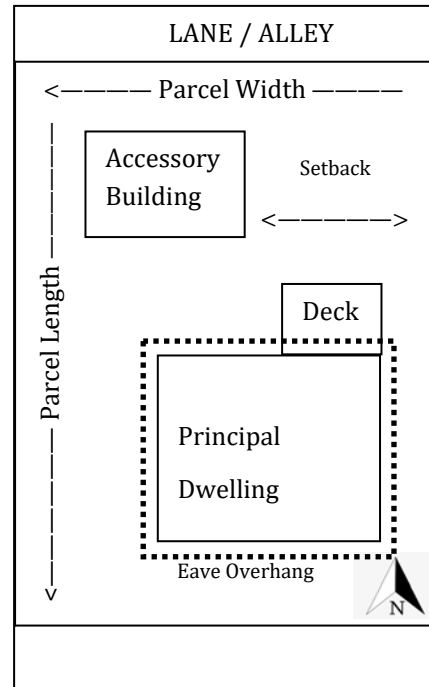
## WHAT WILL I NEED TO APPLY?

- ◆ A completed development permit application form
- ◆ A development application fee (non-refundable) Range from \$50 - \$200. Payment taken when application complete.
- ◆ A site plan that includes:
  - Lot dimensions
  - Location of all existing and proposed structures,

including porches, balconies, decks, and eave overhangs

- Setbacks to all property lines, north arrow and scale.
- Names/numbers of adjacent streets, avenues and highways.

### Site Plan Example:



### ◆ A building plan that includes:

- Grade/elevation details
- Height of highest point of structure above final grade
- Height of porches, balconies and decks above final grade
- Diagram showing support features
- How the structure is being built

## SIDE AND REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL R1

- Unenclosed porches may project up to 2 m (6.5 ft.) into a front yard setback requirement.
- Unenclosed decks may project up to 3 m (9.8 ft.) into a rear yard setback provided it does not exceed 50% of the width of the dwelling.
- Permanent structure over 9.3 m<sup>2</sup> (100 sq. ft.) shall not be less than 0.9 m (3 ft.) from property lines.
- Accessory buildings and structures on a non-permanent foundation less than 18.58 m<sup>2</sup> (200 sq. ft.) shall not be less than 0.6 m (2 ft.) from side or rear lot lines.

## LAND USE BY-LAW REQUIREMENTS

- Decks attached to the principal building by a roofed structure (open or enclosed) shall be deemed to be part of the principal building and must meet the required rear and side yard setbacks. Decks are part of the maximum site or lot coverage.
- Privacy walls/screens are only allowed in side and rear yards and can only be the width of the deck.
- Privacy walls/screens can not be greater than 2.44 m (8 ft.) above the finished deck floor.
- Adding privacy walls/screens to a deck that is 0.6 m (2 ft.) or more above grade requires a development permit.