

DECKS

What is required to obtain a deck permit?

An application for deck permit needs to be submitted to the Division of Building with a plot plan showing lot measurements, length and width of the existing house and the actual size of the deck, including steps. The distance from the deck to the side and rear property lines should also be indicated on the plot plan. Detailed construction drawings of the deck must be reviewed and approved by the Building Commissioner before a permit is issued.

Can a homeowner install their own deck?

Yes, a homeowner can make an application to install their own deck. However, they must also sign a homeowners' affidavit that states they are performing the work in lieu of a registered contractor.

How long is the review process?

It generally takes 3-4 business days for a permit to be reviewed. When the permit is ready to be issued, the applicant will be notified by phone.

How much does the permit cost?

The permit fee is \$30.30 We accept check or cash.

Are there any further restrictions if I live in a development with a Homeowners Association?

Yes, you will be required to furnish a letter from your Homeowners' Association that states they are aware of and approve your request for a deck on your property.

What are the setbacks for a deck?

A deck must be 25' from the rear property line and 8' from any side lot line.

Does the deck need to be attached to the house?

No, a deck does not need to be attached to the house. However, if it is, the posts must be on a frost-protected foundation.