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## **DECKS (UNATTACHED FROM STRUCTURE AND UNDER 30”)**

This handout is a summary of the permit & inspection process as well as standard requirements based on City Regulations and State Building Code regarding decks that are no attached to a structure and under 30 inches in height. Plans are subject to review and approval by the City Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector for compliance with Code Requirements. Information contained herein does not contain all of the specific codes for construction, and shall only be used as a guide.

### **Permit Submission Requirements:**

- Completed zoning permit application.
- Two copies of a Site Plan (which includes lot lines and dimensions, the location and dimensions of the principle structure and any other relevant structure(s), location and dimensions of proposed fence, fence detail (height, style and material of fence) and any additional information that may be required). See Site Plan Example.
- If located in the rear yard area, the rear yard cover worksheet is required.
- During busy times, permit approval may take approximately 7 to 10 business days. Please plan accordingly.

**Permit Fee:** The permit fee is \$50.00

**Inspection Requirements:** The inspection card and approved plans must be on site upon the start of work until the final inspection has been performed and passed. All construction work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection until approved by the Building Inspection Department.

All required inspections will be listed on the permit card. A final inspection is required upon completion of project and approvals for all other inspections have been complete; please call 651-429-8518 to schedule an inspection. A minimum of 24-hour notice is required for all inspections (period may lengthen during busy times).  
*\*A lot line inspection may be required prior to construction of the deck. Once property pins are exposed and deck location is staked, call to schedule an inspection prior to the construction of the deck.*

### **Information and Guidelines:**

If located within the Shoreland Overlay district, impervious material (such as plastic) may not be utilized under a deck.

Attached decks must maintain the same setbacks as the principal structure, except they may encroach up to 8 feet into the front or rear yard setback. Detached decks must maintain the same setbacks as an accessory structure. For setback requirements, see the “General Residential Setback Requirements” handout.

*This document is for informational purposes only and is not intended to address every situation for the permitting and plan review process*