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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Residential Decks

Permit required:

For *single family* residences, a permit is required for construction, replacement, relocation, or alteration of decks. The permit fee is based on the square footage of the deck. Fee estimates are available at the counter or over the phone at the Permit Center (425) 377-3235.

Exempted work:

Decks under 200 sq. ft. and;
Not attached to a dwelling and;
Under 30" above grade and;
Decks that do not serve the main exit.

Codes:

2015 IRC

Permit submittal requirements:

Applicant / Staff Verify

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| ___/___ | Completed application form & Statement of Ownership |
| ___/___ | 2 copies of a site plans on 8 1/2" 11" paper |
| ___/___ | 2 complete sets of plans which include: |
| | • <u>Plan view</u> (including dimensions), |
| | • <u>Elevation</u> (from the side, front, or both), |
| | • <u>Section view</u> (a view through the middle), |
| | • <u>Framing plan</u> (shows foundations, beams and joists), |

Framing and Foundation Plan:

- Footing size and thickness (e.g. 18"x18"x12" thick).
- Joists size, species, span, spacing and direction.
- Decking material and size.
- Post location, species, size and spacing.
- Beam size, species, span and spacing (may require calculations).
- Identify pressure treated or naturally decay resistant wood.
- Landing and stair details.

Section & Elevation view:

- Footing details for posts.
- Guard details (a guard is required for decks >30" above grade, openings in guard must be spaces such that a 4" sphere may not pass through, a minimum height of 36" and able to withstand a 200 lb. load in any direction at the top of the railing).

Construction details:

- Connection details of deck to existing structure (i.e. ledger size, with detail of fastener or bolt type, size and spacing etc.).
- Connection of posts and beams.
- Stair step rise and run (7-3/4" max. rise, 10" min. run). Open risers permitted provided the opening between the treads does not permit the passage of a 4" diameter sphere.
- Handrail required for four or more risers (handrail must be gripable 1- 1/4" min. to 2" max. in cross section and placed 34" to 38" above stair nosing).
- Handrails and guards capable of withstanding 200 lbs. applied in any direction at any point on the rail.
- Deck ledger flashing.
- Stair landing (36" min.).
- Lighting at top of stair landings.

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