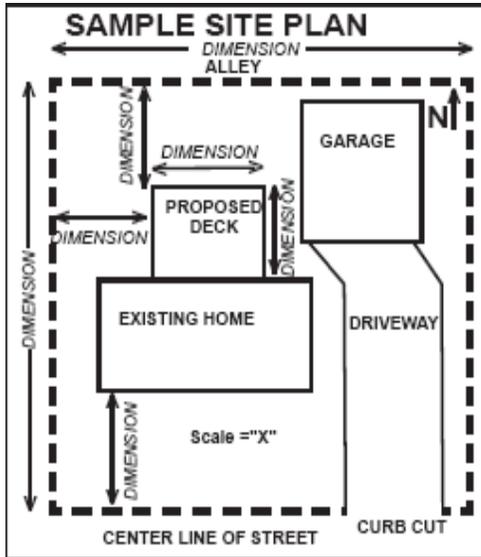


## PERMITS FOR DECKS

### REQUIREMENTS:

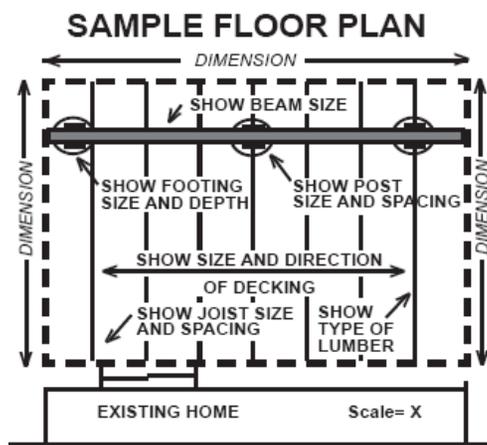
- Building Permit Application
- Site Plan
- Erosion control plan
- 2 copies of drawings showing proposed designs and materials. Drawings shall be drawn to scale and shall include the following information.



### LAND-USE RESTRICTIONS:

Contact your local planning and zoning administrator for details. (When calling for this information, please provide the address or legal description of the property).

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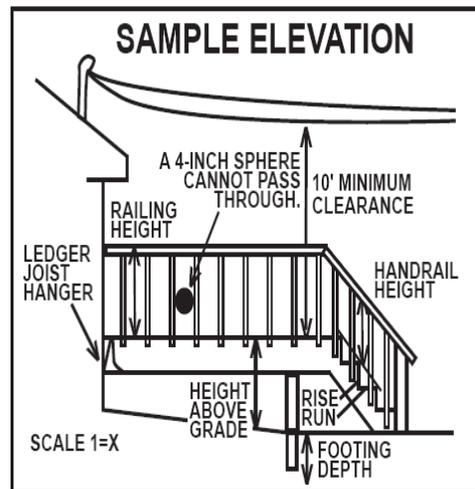


### Floor plans shall include the following:

- Proposed deck size.
- Size of spacing of floor joists.
- Size of decking
- Size, location and spacing of posts.
- Size of beams.
- Type of lumber.

### All elevations shall include the following:

- Height of structure from grade.
- Size and depth of footings.
- Guardrail height (if any)



### BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS:

- Footings shall be designed below frost depth.
- Approved wood of natural resistance to decay or treated wood shall be used for those members which form the structural supports of balconies, porches, or similar permanent building appurtenances when such members are exposed to the weather without adequate protection from a roof, eaves, overhang, or other covering to prevent moisture or water accumulation on the surface or at joints between members. Such members shall include: horizontal members such as girders, joists and decking; and vertical members such as posts, poles, and columns
- Columns and posts located on concrete or masonry, or decks exposed to the weather or to water splash which support permanent structures shall be supported by concrete piers or metal pedestals projecting above floors unless approved wood of natural resistance to decay or treated wood is used. The pedestals shall project at least 6 inches above exposed earth .
- All unenclosed floor openings, open and glazed sides of landings and ramps, balconies or porches which are more than 30 inches above grade or floor below shall be protected by a guardrail not less than 36 inches in height. Open guardrails and stair railing shall have intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern such that a sphere 4 inches in diameter cannot pass through.

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- e. If a stairway is to be provided it shall be not less than 36 inches in width.
- f. Handrails shall be provided to all stairways having 4 or more risers.
- g. Handrails shall be placed not less than 34 inches nor more than 38 inches above the nosing of treads.
- h. Floor joist spacing at 24 inches on center requires 2 x 6 decking, and floor joist spacing at 16 inches on center requires 1 x 6 decking.

*Note: The above outlines are only general code requirements with regard to deck construction. For specific code requirements, please contact your local building official.*

### REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:

- A. FOOTINGS: After the holes are dug, but **PRIOR TO THE POURING OF CONCRETE!!**
- B. FRAMING: Before covering the floor joists.
- C. FINAL: To be made upon completion of the building and finish grading.

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

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**651-454-0002**

**A building permit** – gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. Building permits are very beneficial to you and your community. By working with a code official, you will benefit from their knowledge of the building codes to ensure your construction project is build right, will be safe and will last. Safe construction practices help protect you, your family, your friends and your investment. Be sure to get your local code official involved with your project, because the building department is on your side.

### What are the benefits of having a

#### Building permit?

**Increased Value** - Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or do costly repairs.

**Protects** – A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met, as demonstrated by a code official's carefully maintained records, has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit.

**Ensures Safety** – Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners.

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