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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

The adopted residential code exempts ordinary fences not over 7 feet from a building permit, but the listed residential zoning districts generally limit required front-yard fencing to 4 feet and rear/side-yard fencing to 6 feet. Site-plan review has separate exemptions. Confirm the property's zoning and complete scope with Planning and Building; use Clariti for required applications, with the applicable drawings and owner/contractor information.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm incorporated Bakersfield jurisdiction, zoning, overlays and existing approval conditions.
- [ ] Record new, replacement or repair scope, material, total height, gates and nearby grades.
- [ ] Locate actual property lines, required yards, street/driveway sight areas, easements and drainage.
- [ ] Ask Planning and Building which exemptions, permits and special reviews apply to the complete proposal.
- [ ] Prepare the applicable site/elevation details and owner, applicant, contractor and valuation records for Clariti.
- [ ] Confirm current fees, issued approvals and required inspections before construction; retain final records.

Not a permit, property survey, engineering plan or legal determination.

Confirm current rules, site conditions and required approvals with the authority.

Official sources, conditions and the full guide:

fenceadvisors.com/blog/bakersfield-ca-fence-permits-code

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