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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

For ordinary fences serving one-to-three-family dwellings, the city states no building permit at six feet or less; taller fences need building approval and zoning clearance. Location and visibility rules still apply to shorter fences. Start with Zoning for front yards, corners, site-access changes or required screening. Prepare the applicable dimensioned site plan and actual zoning/building application. Confirm current fees and required issued approvals before work.

Before work starts

- [ ] Verify City of Columbus jurisdiction, dwelling count, zoning and any historic or design-review area.
- [ ] Describe height including attachments, material, gates, new work or repairs and any pool or retaining function.
- [ ] Identify rear, front and corner segments, driveway access, rights-of-way, property lines and easements.
- [ ] Prepare the dimensioned site plan and confirm building, zoning-clearance or other applicable review.
- [ ] Use the current city forms and permitted submission route; confirm actual fee classification and invoice.
- [ ] Obtain required issued approvals before installation, follow assigned inspections and 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/columbus-oh-fence-permits-code

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