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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Confirm local historic-district status and arrange the Preservation Planner pre-application conference required by the current city webpage. Prepare the COA Fence application and applicable supporting materials; the packet directs submission to planning@gainesvillefl.gov. Staff or board review depends on the proposal. Obtain the COA and resolve any separate building requirement before work; neither historic approval nor the state exemption-request process proves a fence is building-exempt.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Gainesville city jurisdiction and local historic-district status with the city's historic resources and planner.
- [ ] Arrange the historic pre-application conference; confirm staff versus board review and the required documents.
- [ ] Describe each new fence run, yard visibility, height, openness, materials, finish, gates and relation to the house.
- [ ] Complete the Fence COA packet with applicable product information, supporting drawings and owner/agent authorization.
- [ ] Use the packet's Planning email route; resolve corrections, the actual assessment and any separate Building classification.
- [ ] Obtain the COA and other required approvals before work; approve scope changes and retain the 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/gainesville-fl-fence-permits-code

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