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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Conforming ordinary fences are exempt from structural and improvement-location permits, not zoning or other law. Confirm consolidated-city jurisdiction, yard limits, materials and site conditions. Separate historic, flood, pool and other work needing review. For required BNS applications use the current city-linked Accela instructions; preservation/planning routes may differ. Obtain required approvals before work.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm consolidated Indianapolis jurisdiction and responsible offices; a postal address or county name is not building-permit authority.
- [ ] Establish actual property and right-of-way lines and identify easements, zoning district, special districts and any existing approval conditions.
- [ ] Draw the proposed fence and gates with heights, materials, grades, dwelling entrances, adjoining lots, streets, driveways and alleys.
- [ ] Check front versus side/rear yard limits, opacity, material restrictions, clear sight and the exact conditions of any claimed exception.
- [ ] Separate historic, flood, pool, retaining, electrical, drainage and public-property scopes. Confirm the responsible office's documents and fees.
- [ ] Keep the compliance drawing and approvals with the contract. Arrange utility locating and inspections for separately permitted work.

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/indianapolis-in-fence-permits-code

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