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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

The city requires a permit for a new fence at a one- or two-family home. Confirm the actual yard classification, openness, visibility and historic status first. Complete the current residential fence application with the property/fence drawing and owner/contractor information; the city resource index directs online applications to LMS. Obtain any historic Certificate of Appropriateness before the fence permit. Confirm the assessment, issuance and required inspections; do not treat a general minor-repair exception as permission for a replacement fence.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm City of Milwaukee jurisdiction, current residential zoning and historic status.
- [ ] Describe new, replacement or minor repair work, material, full height and any special wall or pool function.
- [ ] Locate legal lot lines, streets, alleys, easements, grades and applicable visibility areas.
- [ ] Check each yard and open-design condition; obtain any required historic approval before the fence permit.
- [ ] Prepare the current residential fence form and complete property drawing; use the city's LMS application route.
- [ ] Confirm surcharge treatment, actual fees, permit issuance and inspections; retain approved 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/milwaukee-wi-fence-permits-code

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