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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Ocala's current FAQ says residential fences 6 feet or lower do not need a building permit, except historic-district properties and wall-like fences such as masonry or concrete. Taller fences require a permit; all commercial fences require a site permit. Planning must still confirm setbacks and any site-plan review. Florida's 2026 value-based exemption has exclusions and a written-request requirement; do not assume it exempts every fence.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm City of Ocala jurisdiction; an Ocala mailing address is not enough.
- [ ] Identify residential or commercial use, height, material and historic status.
- [ ] Ask Planning to confirm setbacks, permitted height and any site-plan review.
- [ ] Ask Building about the applicable permit; do not assume a low project price exempts it.
- [ ] If invoking the state exemption, obtain a scope-specific decision and submit its documentation.
- [ ] Complete any eTRAKiT and ProjectDox tasks, then confirm fees and required inspections.

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/ocala-fl-fence-permits-code

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