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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Philadelphia separates zoning and building permits. The ordinary building exemptions include non-masonry fences no higher than 6 feet and masonry fence walls no higher than 2 feet; historic and flood-area requirements still apply. Residential front fencing is generally limited to 4 feet and 50% opacity, with corner and overlay conditions. Confirm the legal OPA address, prepare the applicable plans, use eCLIPSE and complete required inspections.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm the Philadelphia legal OPA address, zoning, historic status and flood conditions.
- [ ] Describe new work or repairs, material, height, opacity, gates and any retaining function.
- [ ] Check front-position and corner rules, sight lines, legal lines and right-of-way.
- [ ] Prepare the applicable scaled site plan, elevations and required preapprovals.
- [ ] Use eCLIPSE or the city appointment route; confirm contractor eligibility and actual fees.
- [ ] Obtain issued approvals, keep plans and complete required inspections and 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/philadelphia-pa-fence-permits-code

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