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Riverside, CA

Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

The current city permit page and adopted 2025 residential code exempt ordinary fences not over 7 feet from a building permit. Planning approval may still be required in a front-yard setback. Check Chapter 19.550 before choosing height or opacity; obtain Planning clearance and submit required Building work through the city's public permit process. Confirm the project invoice and inspections before construction.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm City of Riverside jurisdiction, zoning, required yards and historic-resource status.
- [ ] Describe new, replacement or repair work, total height, material, openness and nearby grades.
- [ ] Locate legal lot lines, public right-of-way, easements, driveways and sight-clearance areas.
- [ ] Separate the building exemption from zoning permission and obtain any Planning clearance.
- [ ] Prepare the drawings required for the actual scope and confirm the correct public portal application.
- [ ] Confirm current fees, issued approvals and required inspections; retain 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/riverside-ca-fence-permits-code

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