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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Sacramento's Building page exempts ordinary fences not over 7 feet from a building permit, subject to its design-review/historic exceptions, but says all proposed fencing is subject to Planning approval. Residential front/street-side fences generally have a 4-foot zoning limit and rear/interior-side fences a 6-foot limit, with specific exceptions. Obtain Planning's scope determination; use the Public Permit Portal for required applications and clearance, and confirm fees and inspections before work.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm City of Sacramento jurisdiction, zoning, historic/design-review status and special districts.
- [ ] Record new or replacement scope, material, heights, nearby grades and street frontage.
- [ ] Locate real lot lines, required yards, easements, driveways and applicable clear zones.
- [ ] Ask Planning which approval or exemption determination applies before ordering materials.
- [ ] Prepare the required digital drawings/photos and use the appropriate portal application.
- [ ] Confirm all fees, issued approvals and inspection requirements; keep 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/sacramento-ca-fence-permits-code

Original worksheet: CC BY 4.0 / Keep jurisdiction, review date and source link attached.