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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Current state administration protects ordinary wood, wire-mesh and chain-link fences at 7 feet or less from building-permit requirements, excluding pool barriers. Salem's extended chain-link exemption is qualified as without slats. Confirm masonry/other materials and slatted chain link above 7 feet; zoning and visibility remain separate. For required work use PAC Alteration/Other, the residential submittal instructions and the actual fee assessment.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Salem city limits, zoning, the code-defined front yard and site-specific restrictions.
- [ ] Record new, replacement or repair scope, complete height, material and any chain-link slats.
- [ ] Locate legal lot lines, street-abutting yards, easements, accessways and vision-clearance areas.
- [ ] Check the material-specific building exemption separately from permitted zoning height.
- [ ] For required work, prepare the requested residential documents and use PAC Alteration/Other.
- [ ] Confirm current fees, issued approvals and inspections before work; 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/salem-or-fence-permits-code

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