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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Both reviewed San Diego sources agree on a qualified building exemption for ordinary new non-pool fences strictly under 7 feet. Check zoning, location, materials and historic/environmental/Coastal conditions separately. Use DSD's discretionary route if a Coastal or other approval is required. Exactly 7 feet and taller-fence intake remain unapproved; IB220's retaining-wall packet is not an ordinary fence application.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm San Diego city authority, legal lot lines, zoning and Coastal/historic/environmental status; a map is not a survey.
- [ ] Describe new runs, materials, openness, gates and height; refer exactly seven feet, taller work and special functions separately.
- [ ] Check required yards and street/driveway visibility under the applicable fence category; do not treat the building threshold as a zoning allowance.
- [ ] Resolve whether a Coastal or other approval is required and which effective Coastal/inland provisions govern; retain the city's scope determination.
- [ ] Use the actual discretionary permit/subtype and requirements when needed; confirm charges, not IB220's retaining-wall packet.
- [ ] Obtain required issued approvals before work, confirm any conditions and inspections, arrange utility locating before digging and 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/san-diego-ca-fence-permits-code

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