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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Tacoma's current residential service exempts ordinary fences not over 7 feet from a residential building permit and assigns taller fences to Residential Alteration (BLDRA). Check current TMC 13.06.090K, the actual zone and street/building relationship independently. Prepare the applicable site plan and construction details, then use Accela for required work. Resolve visibility with Traffic Engineering and any right-of-way work separately; confirm fees, issuance and inspections before construction.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm Tacoma city jurisdiction, current zone and any historic, shoreline or critical-area conditions.
- [ ] Describe new, replacement or repair work, full height, material and any retaining, pool or powered-gate function.
- [ ] Locate legal lot/right-of-way lines, easements, grades, street frontage and access points.
- [ ] Check the building exemption separately from zoning, Traffic Engineering visibility and ROW approvals.
- [ ] Prepare the applicable site plan and construction documents; use Accela for required BLDRA work.
- [ ] Confirm the current assessment, issued approvals and inspection sequence; 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/tacoma-wa-fence-permits-code

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