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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Tempe's posted guidance requires development plan review or Development Services Manager/designee approval for all fences and walls. Ask Planning which route fits the new fence; do not assume every project needs a use permit. Planning applications use Tempe Citizen Access, with scope-appropriate documents and owner authorization where applicable. Obtain the required Planning decision and separately confirm Building Safety applicability before installation. No construction-permit exemption under either selectable code package is granted here.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm incorporated Tempe jurisdiction, zoning, overlays and actual lot and right-of-way boundaries.
- [ ] Describe the new nonmasonry fence, runs, gates, material and height; identify any pool, wall, retaining or electrical function separately.
- [ ] Ask Planning to identify development plan review or the applicable Manager/designee approval and any separate use permit.
- [ ] Prepare the selected route's location information, supporting drawings and applicable owner authorization for TCA.
- [ ] Obtain the separate current Building Safety determination without assuming an exemption or selecting an older package from this guide.
- [ ] Confirm charges, obtain required decisions and issued approvals before work, arrange utility locating and follow assigned inspections.

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/tempe-az-fence-permits-code

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