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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

VMC 17.08.090D.1.a exempts ordinary fences not over 6 feet, excluding required swimming-pool barriers. Current city guidance retains Critical Area Review for environmentally sensitive locations and requires building/zoning compliance. Confirm the new Title 20 rules with Land Use Planning. For required work, use the fence checklist and residential application, email the application to eplans@cityofvancouver.us, then follow fee assessment, ePlans upload/review, issuance and inspections.

Before work starts

- [ ] Verify Vancouver, Washington is the parcel's jurisdiction, not just its postal city.
- [ ] Describe fence height, material, grade and new/replacement scope; identify pool, retaining or powered-gate functions.
- [ ] Ask Planning about current Title 20, environmental constraints, sight lines, legal boundaries and meter access.
- [ ] Separate the ordinary building exemption from required pool-barrier, land-use and ROW approvals.
- [ ] For required work, prepare the fence checklist documents and email the correct residential application for ePlans processing.
- [ ] Confirm assessed fees, issued approvals and inspections; keep approved plans and 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/vancouver-wa-fence-permits-code

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