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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Ordinary non-pool fences strictly less than 30 feet from public ROW need zoning permits, excluding the stated AG-use case. Prepare the fence form and survey/site plan; confirm the bulletin's current/sealed-plan instruction with Zoning. Use the city-linked Accela entry, verify charges and obtain approval before work. Ordinary no-inspection wording does not waive separately regulated inspections. No exemption inferred at or beyond 30 feet.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm City of Virginia Beach jurisdiction and an ordinary non-pool residential scope, excluding the stated AG-use exception.
- [ ] Locate legal lot and ROW lines; refer exactly thirty feet and outside cases separately, without inferring an exemption.
- [ ] Show proposed and existing fence runs, height, material, gates, access, easements and applicable landscaping on the survey/site plan.
- [ ] Confirm the bulletin's current/sealed-plan instruction with Zoning; complete the fence form with the responsible owner or contractor.
- [ ] Use the city-linked Accela entry, resolve design and special-approval questions, and confirm the actual zoning assessment before obtaining approval.
- [ ] Obtain required approvals before work, arrange utility locating and follow any separate building inspections; retain the permit and approved layout.

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/virginia-beach-va-fence-permits-code

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