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Fence permit planning sheet

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The starting point

Use published 18-325, Supplement 9 Update 1, to prepare material, facing, access and maintenance questions; confirm amendments/site limits. City zoning and county building-permit applicability both remain unresolved. Required city zoning/COA work uses DPS; New Hanover County building permits use COAST. Keep those determinations separate and obtain any required issued approvals before work.

Before work starts

- [ ] Confirm city jurisdiction, zoning, historic/overlay status, actual lot lines, public right-of-way and easements.
- [ ] Sketch each run, yard, material, proposed height, framework face, gates and emergency-access route.
- [ ] Check published front-setback material restrictions, residential dangerous-wire prohibition, facing and maintenance provisions.
- [ ] Resolve applicable amendments, height measurement and vision clearance without importing a generic dimension or variance exception.
- [ ] Determine separately whether city zoning and county building approvals apply; use only the assigned route and actual assessed charges.
- [ ] Obtain required issued approvals before work; arrange utility locating, follow applicable inspection conditions and keep 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/wilmington-nc-fence-permits-code

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