

How long will it take to get my permit?

A zoning compliance permit that does not require a variance will take 3 to 5 working days to process. This allows our utility personnel to determine that your project will not conflict with existing service lines or meters.

If a variance is required, the process takes longer. Paperwork and fees must be submitted in a timely manner. The Board of Adjustment only meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Applications must be submitted a minimum of ten working days in advance of this meeting to allow for processing and required publication.

Building related forms are available online. Visit our website at www.cityofestherville.org and click on the Housing/Building Information link.



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Guide to Building an Uncovered Deck



A zoning compliance permit is required to construct a new or replace an existing uncovered deck.

If the deck is located entirely in the rear yard, the required setback is 25 feet from the rear lot line and 6 feet from the side lot line or no closer than the existing house.

If the deck is located in the side yard, the setback from the side property line is 6 feet (No easement).

If the deck is located in the front yard, the setback from the front property line (not the curb) is 30 feet. Keep in mind that corner lots have two front yards. Very few locations can meet the 30 foot front yard setback requirement for a front yard deck and a variance application will be necessary.

The proposed deck cannot encroach upon any utility easements that exist on your property or obstruct any metering devices.

A variance application will be necessary if you cannot meet the required setbacks. **A current survey of your property is required prior to construction if a variance is granted on a side or rear setback requirement.**

Steps are defined as a projection from a structure to provide a transition between ground level and floor level for the purpose of entering or exiting a structure which may include a landing or platform of 48 square feet or less and not projecting more than six (6) feet into a required yard. A permit is not required for the construction of steps.

