



Permit Guide for Decks

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This guide provides the basic information necessary to enable the completion of a Building Permit Application for a deck.

1. Decks below 30 inches with no roof, will not need a building permit.
2. Decks 30 to 60 inches will need a building permit, but engineered plans will not be required.
3. Decks will need handrails, guardrails and steps. A site inspection will determine compliance.

Submittal Requirements Checklist for Decks:

1. ____ Proof of property ownership. This can be a recorded deed, closing statement, or property tax information.
2. ____ Two sets of construction plans are required when a deck is over 60 inches above grade. These construction plans must be certified, signed and sealed by a Florida registered design professional (Architect or Engineer).
3. ____ Building Permit Application. The application must be fully completed, signed, and notarized.
4. ____ Three (3) copies of a certified survey or site plan.

NOTE: You may be required to submit a certified Foundation Survey prepared by a Florida registered land surveyor prior to any vertical construction. Some circumstances may require additional information to be submitted prior to a development permit being issued.

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