

City of Spicer Decks

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Building permits are required for any deck that is not attached to a structure.

Frost footings are required for any deck that is attached to a dwelling or garage that has frost footings.

Guardrails are required for all decks that are thirty (30) inches or more above grade. Guardrails are required to be a minimum height of thirty-six (36) inches. Open guardrails and stair railings are required to have intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern that a four (4) inch diameter sphere is unable to pass through.

Overhanging decks must follow the following guidelines unless a special design is approved:

*Joist overhang not to exceed two (2) feet past beam

*Beams not to overhang posts by more than one (1) foot

Contact the Building Inspector at (320) 309-6455 about deck and/or porch setback requirements. See below for special deck design that will allow for future porch placement.

Porch setback requirements are NOT the same as deck setback requirements! Special deck designs that allow for future placement of a screen porch or three-season porch on the deck platform needs to be approved by the Building Inspector. Contact the Building Inspector at (320) 309-6455 about porch setback requirements.

Live load requirements for all decks require the deck design to support a live load of sixty (60) pounds per square foot.

All connections between deck and dwelling must be weatherproof. Any cuts in exterior finish must be flashed or caulked.

Header joists more than six (6) feet long and tail joists over twelve (12) feet long must be supported by approved framing anchors such as joist hangers.

All exposed wood including posts, beams, joists and decking used in the construction of decks is required to be of approved wood of natural resistance to decay (redwood, cedar, etc) or approved treated wood.

Stair treads have a required loading of 100 pounds per square foot.

Please contact Spicer City Hall if you need further assistance (320) 796-5562