

DECKS

The following is a list of requirements to be submitted for a deck:

- A completely filled out zoning/building/electrical permit application
- An affidavit, pursuant to KRS 342.610 (5), either Individual or Corporate/Partnership, or proof of Kentucky's Worker's Compensation Insurance, if we do not have one on file
- A copy of your contractor's Occupational License for the county/city where the work is being performed
- A copy of your Land Disturbance Permit, issued by the Sanitation District No. 1 (if applicable)
- Two copies of your site plan, indicating:
 - Location of all existing and proposed easements
 - Identification of any street adjacent to the property
 - Proposed or existing septic tank, leach field or other septic system shall be shown to scale
 - Property lines with bearings and dimensions
 - Location of all existing structures on the property
 - Location of proposed deck along with the distance from the proposed deck to the front and/or right of way lines, side and rear lines
 - Location of driveway, sidewalks, and other off street parking areas as well as type of surfacing used
 - Provisions for erosion control, hillside slippage and sedimentation, indicating the temporary and permanent control practices and measures which will be implemented during all phases of clearing, grading and construction
 - Water drainage and grading lines
 - The existing and proposed topography, shown by contours with intervals not to exceed five feet. The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission can produce a topography map for you at a reasonable cost. The applicant must then place (draw) the proposed structure on the topo map
- Two sets of deck plans, indicating:
 - Size of deck(s)
 - Footing information (show size and indicate depth below grade – frost line is 30")
 - Decking span or joist spacing
 - Joist span or beam spacing
 - Beam span or post spacing
 - Joist, column, beam, and decking size(s)
 - Spacing, size, and number of anchors for attachment to building (if applicable)
 - Handrails and guardrails (handrails required if stair has three or more risers – guardrails required if deck is greater than 30 inches above finished grade at any point – guardrails to be a minimum of 36 inches high)
 - All lumber to be pressure treated
 - Size of decking
- If applicable, the following items must be shown:
 - Stair riser height shall be a maximum of 8.25 inches and tread depth shall be a minimum of 9 inches (310.6)
 - The greatest riser height within any flight of steps (stairs) shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch (Section 314.2 of the 1995 CABO – One and Two Family Dwelling Code)
 - A minimum of 6 foot 8 inches headroom is required in all stairways (314.3)
 - Handrails shall be a minimum of 30 inches and a maximum of 38 inches (315.1)
 - All handrail grip portions shall not exceed 2'-5/8" in cross sectional dimension (315.2)
 - All handrails shall be continuous without interruption for the entire length of stairways and ends shall be returned to a wall or post (315.1)
 - Intermediate rails of guardrails on any deck, landing, or stair shall be spaced such that a four inch sphere will not pass through (315.4)