



Porches, Decks, Patios, and Balconies

Information Guide

The following information summarizes information from the **Zoning Code**:

General Development Requirements
Chapter 915.180.

Questions?

Contact permits@littlecanada.org for questions to ensure your project is completed safely and in compliance with all applicable city codes.

Required Permits

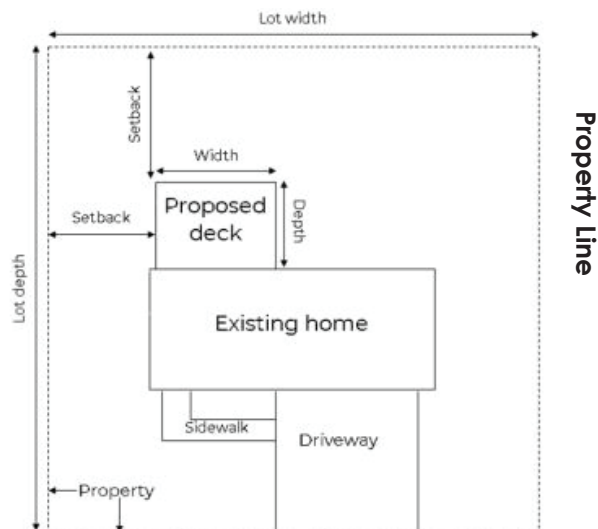
- Porches and Balconies: A Building Permit is required.
- Decks: A Building Permit is required when: A deck or a platform is more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and is attached to a structure with frost footings.
- Permits can be found on the City's website under Services/Permits/Building Permits.
- Please see the City's website for the required permit fees.

A horizontal, unenclosed platform with or without attached railings, seats, trellises, or other features. It is attached or functionally related to a principal use (i.e. house) or site. Decks can be covered or uncovered.

Zoning Code Requirements

- If your porch, deck, or patio does not exceed (1) foot in height AND is uncovered, then it is considered landscaping and is not subject to setback requirements.
- Front Porches: A covered front porch or a covered front stoop, with a lateral enclosure of not more than a balustrade, may encroach into the front yard by up to 6 feet. Porches shall not be allowed to become enclosed by walls.
- Decks & Balconies more than one (1) foot above grade, shall not extend over minimum side or rear setback lines. However, encroachments into the front and rear yards setbacks are permitted as follows:
 - Front yard setback: An encroachment is permitted into the front yard setback equal to 10 percent of the minimum front setback required for the underlying zoning district.
 - Rear yard setback minimum: 30 feet.

Example Site Plan:



See all Little Canada Permit forms at <https://www.littlecanadamn.org/397/Permits>