

BUILDING PERMITS

**Building Permits can be
obtained at:**

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McFarland, WI 53558

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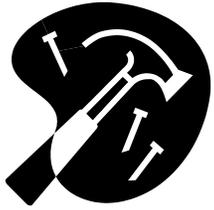
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**FENCES,
DECKS,
AND
SWIMMING
POOLS**

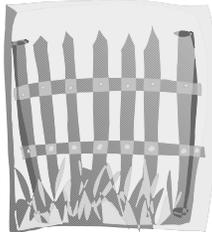
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

DECKS



Building permits are required for all decks. A site plan showing the location of the deck and the distances to the property lines is required. Decks may not be closer than 10 feet to the rear lot line if the deck is less than three feet above grade, and no closer than 20 feet to the rear lot line if the deck is more than three feet above grade. Decks constructed in waterfront yards can project ten feet or less into the yard, but no closer than 30 feet to the ordinary high water mark. All decks must also comply with side-yard setbacks. Decks are required to be constructed of treated wood or wood that is naturally durable or decay resistant—like cedar or redwood. The new plastic/vinyl products on the market are also acceptable provided they carry the State of Wisconsin's Material Approval. No matter what the material, decks must be able to support a load of forty pounds per square foot. Footings are required and must extend below the frost line, which is at forty-eight inches below grade. Guardrails are required for decks over two feet high above grade. Such guardrails must be at least thirty-six inches above the surface of the deck floor, with intermediate rails spaced so the openings between rails are no more than four inches.

FENCES



No person shall construct any fence, other than swimming pool enclosures prescribed by Section 8-404 unless such person has first obtained a fence permit from the Building Inspector, with the applicant providing fence location, design and construction materials. Fences shall be constructed and maintained in a good state of repair and appearance, and the finished side or decorative side of a fence shall face the adjoining property. Residential fences shall not exceed six feet in height and shall not be placed within any street yard except as follows: Residential fences located within the front yard shall be decorative only, and shall not exceed three feet in height; Decorative fences shall face the property line, with supporting members or braces on the inside of the fence and the smoother flat surfaces facing the property lines; Fifty percent of the bulk thereof consists of air space with acceptable materials being wood, wrought iron stone, brick or similar materials, constructed in a manner to be aesthetically pleasing. Chain-link, mesh, wood snow fences or other similar fences that are designed solely for functionality do not constitute decorative fences and are unacceptable.

SWIMMING POOLS



Building Permits are required for installation of in-ground and above-ground pools. Only children's pools less than fifteen inches high and less than fifteen feet in diameter are exempt. Pools shall be located at least five feet from the rear or side property line. Unless portable pools are installed above ground and have a sidewall around the entire pool perimeter a minimum of 48" high and access by ladders and stairs is restricted, all pools shall be completely enclosed by a fence no less than four feet high. The fence shall be of sufficient strength to prevent access to the pool and any gates shall be self closing and latching. All electrical work shall be installed by a licensed electrician.

**DON'T FORGET!
ALWAYS CALL DIGGER'S HOTLINE
BEFORE DIGGING!!!**