

Why are Permits Required?



Fencing projects require permits

A fence must be located completely on your property. In most cases, your front property line is located 6" behind the sidewalk. All property lines are set by a registered land surveyor. If the property pins are still in the ground, the Building Inspector may be able to locate the corners for you.

Privacy fences (6 feet maximum) are not allowed in the "front yard" area. A decorative fence is permitted in the "front yard", but must be less than 4 feet in height.

Fences are inspected for safety of construction and installation. On corner lots, meeting the City Sight Triangle for street intersections is required.

Does my fence have a front or back side? No, either side may face away from your property, it's personal preference.

Any questions regarding fence placement can be answered by calling the Building Inspector: 363-2600.

Landscaping requires a permit

Trees and shrubs placed in the right-of-way by the street require permits. The City has an approved list of vegetation recommended for street plantings. The recommended species are less inclined to cause you problems with maintenance in the future, since it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain right-of-way plantings. Placement of landscaping is closely monitored to protect the "sight triangle" at intersections.

Call Before You Dig

It's the law, for your protection before you dig, call 48 hours in advance of any digging to have your buried utilities located: 1-800-331-5666 (IT'S FREE) Failure to do so could result in major inconvenience and expense if an underground utility was to be damaged during construction.

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Safety is the primary reason for requiring permits. City inspectors check to make sure construction and installations are proper for the protection of your family and property, your neighbors, and buyers of your property. What do I bring to get a building permit?

In general you need a copy of a site plan. (see figure 1) and one copy of the building plans (see figure 2, 3, and 4).

The building plans should include:

1. The type of construction
2. Elevation
3. Window sizes
4. Sizes and uses of new and existing rooms.

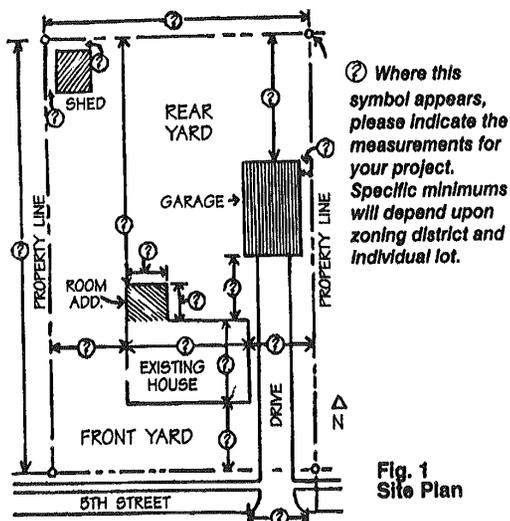


Fig. 1
Site Plan

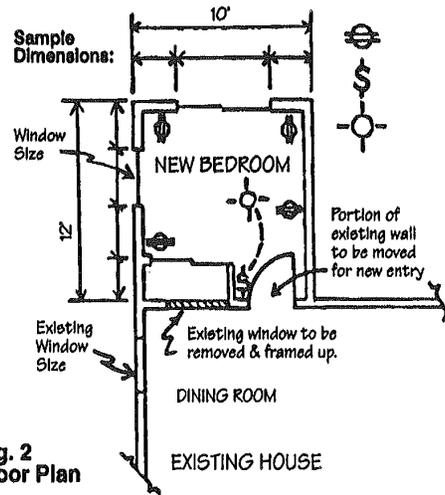


Fig. 2
Floor Plan

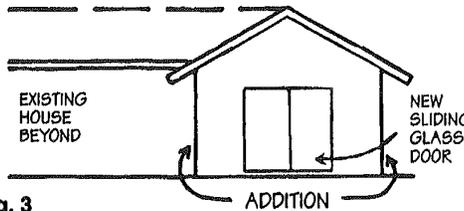


Fig. 3
Elevation

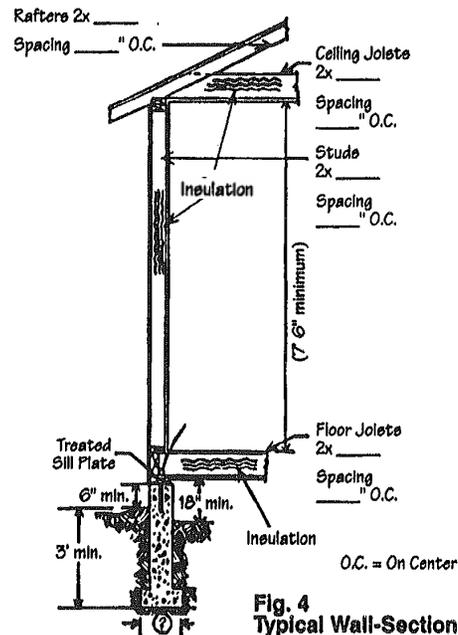


Fig. 4
Typical Wall-Section

Where do I get permits?

At the City Municipal Building, 100 E. 4th Street. The office is open M-F, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If you're having a contractor do your work, the contractor can make application for the necessary permits, but you should check to make sure the contractor has done so and is registered with the City of York.

If you are a tenant, rather than the property owner, written approval of the project by the owner must be provided during application process.

Upon approval of the application, your permit will be sent to you in the mail for posting on your project. You should allow a few days for the approval process to make sure you have the permit in-hand before work is started.

The Building Inspector will inspect at required stages of your project—see back of permit. Call the City Offices to make an appointment for inspections as needed.