
	BUILDING DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW GENERAL	Effective Date: August 22, 2019
		Supersedes Policy Dated: November 16, 2006
	3.1.2 Deck Construction – Permit Requirement	Issued by: Eric M. Mays, P.E.  Building Official

All decks that are greater than 16½ inches above the finished grade of the ground will require a plan review and building permit.

Decks that are 16½ inches or less above the finished grade are considered equivalent to an on-grade patio, and a building permit is only required if a roof and/or walls are being constructed on the deck or if the deck is supporting a hot tub.

(NOTE: Typically all decks require Zoning Approval. Please contact the Zoning Division 703-792-6830 for more information.)