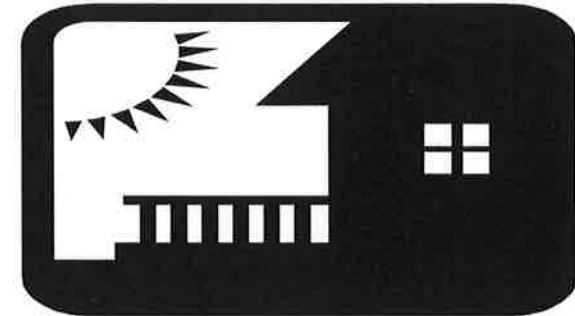


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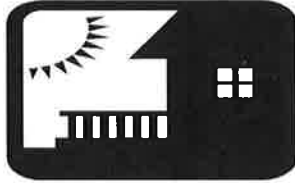
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**Decks**



**Residential**

A building permit is required for a deck if it meets the following definition:

*“A deck is an exterior floor supported on at least two opposing sides by an adjacent structure **AND/OR** post, piers, or other independent supports”.* •

NEW porch decks attached to a structure must have footings a minimum of 4’ in depth.

Stairways from decks must have code compliant handrails of 34” to 38” in height. A handrail is required if there are 4 or more risers.

A code compliant guardrail is required if the deck floor is more than 30” above surrounding grade. Guards with open sides of stairs as well as handrails shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4” in diameter.

1. Completed application
2. Site plan
3. Cross-section drawing

A sample site plan and cross-section drawing can be obtained from the Inspection Services Division, 3rd floor, City Hall, 10 1st St. NW.

Zoning requirements will apply. For detailed information, contact the Zoning Administrator at 421-3626.

- Current edition of the International Building Code and International Residential Code as adopted by the City of Mason City