



Frequently Asked Questions from General Contractors

Contact Planning Division for more information at (714) 754-5245

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1. What are the size and lot dimensions of the property?

You may call the City at (714) 754 - 5245 to get lot dimensions. However, depending on the extent of construction, a private survey of the lot may be advisable to precisely determine the location of the lot lines.

2. Where can I find information about building a new addition?

In all zoning districts, new construction requires zoning approval. The zoning code has established development standards for all zones that projects must comply with. You must submit plans for a plan check review for approval. It is recommended that you sketch a scaled site plan of the proposed construction and discuss it with a planner at the public counter. No appointment or fee is required for this review.

3. What are the setbacks for a pool or spa?

If the pool or spa is more than 6 inches above grade, it must be set back 10 feet from the rear property line and 5 feet from the side property line.

4. What do I need to know before building a block wall or fence?

In a residential zone, if the wall/fence is on the front property line or within the 10-foot setback from the front property line, then the wall cannot exceed 36 inches in height. If the wall/fence is more than ten feet behind the front property line, then it can be a maximum of 6 feet in height. If the property is a corner lot, the fence cannot exceed 2.5 feet in height within the required intersection "visibility triangle." Please refer to the Walls, Fences, and Landscaping Standards and Specifications and Walls Adjacent to Arterial Streets for more information and a diagram.

5. How many sets of plans do I need for submittal?

The number of plans you need to submit depends on your project. Contact the Building Division at (714) 754-5273 for more information.