

# DECKS

**A ZONING CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED TO ERECT A DECK IN THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN.**

**THE FEE FOR THE ZONING CERTIFICATE IS \$25.00 AND IT TAKES THREE TO FIVE WORKING DAYS TO PROCESS.**



A DECK IS AN ADDITION. THEREFORE, IT CANNOT ENCROACH INTO A REQUIRED SETBACK. REQUIRED SETBACKS VARY WITH YOUR ZONING DISTRICT.

A DECK DOES NOT HAVE TO BE STRUCTURALLY ATTACHED TO BE CONSIDERED AN ADDITION. A DECK WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE HOUSE AND FUNCTIONS AS IF ATTACHED IS, BY DEFINITION, AN ADDITION. IF THE DECK IS NOT "FUNCTIONALLY ATTACHED" IT MUST BE LOCATED 10 OR 20 FEET FROM THE HOUSE, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE DECK. A DECK WHICH IS NOT "FUNCTIONALLY ATTACHED" IS CONSIDERED AN ACCESSORY BUILDING.

YOU WILL NEED TO PREPARE A SCALE DRAWING WHICH SHOWS YOUR LOT, THE LOCATION OF YOUR HOUSE AND THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED DECK ADDITION IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE LOT LINES. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS THERE MAY BE A SCALE DRAWING ON FILE WHICH YOU CAN OBTAIN AND MODIFY TO SHOW THE PROPOSED DECK.

YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO CALL THE OHIO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PROTECTION SERVICE AT 1-800-362-2764 TO HAVE THE VARIOUS UTILITIES MARK THE SERVICES BEFORE YOU DIG.

If you have any questions contact:

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