

Deck Construction and Inspections

Dear Customer,

Deck construction projects (new, replacement and some repairs) within the City of Fairburn require a permit and inspections. When applying for a permit, please provide proof of ownership, a signed lease or notarized authorization from the owner when applying for a permit. New decks will also require a survey that shows the existing structure, new deck and setbacks. The State of Georgia requires all building contractors to be licensed. Please provide a copy of your contractor's State issued license as well. Homeowners may construct a deck on a dwelling they are occupying and that is not for sale or lease. Once you have the permit on site, you may schedule an inspection by email at inspections@fairburn.com. Please include any special instructions (call ahead, lock box codes, etc.), permit number, address, type of inspection and a contact number. Inspections received by 4:00pm will be conducted the next regular day of business, excluding holidays or inclement weather. Deck construction must comply with chapter R507 of the 2018 IRC. All composite deck materials must be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions. Please be aware that most composite decking materials have reduced spans when installed on an angle to framing members or when installed as stair treads. The required inspections are:

Footings- once piers are dug and prior to placement of concrete. Please note: all piers are required to be dug into undisturbed a minimum of 12" and must bear on firm soil. Piers may not rest on fill material unless designed by a Georgia Registered Engineer.

Framing and Final- once construction is complete. Once the inspections are complete and approved, the inspector will sign the permit card. Should the inspection fail, a correction notice will be left on site. The permit must be posted on site, along with the approved construction plan to receive an inspection.

Sincerely,

Brian Epstein
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