

RESIDENTIAL DECKS & PORCHES

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The information is a simplification of the Town's [Land Use Bylaw](#). In the event of any discrepancy/ omission, the Land Use Bylaw takes precedence.

How are decks and porches defined in the Town's Land Use Bylaw?

- A deck means an uncovered horizontal structure with a surface greater than 0.6 m above grade at any point that is intended for use as an outdoor amenity space, but does not include a balcony.
 - Porch means an unenclosed covered structure forming an entry to a Building.
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Can my deck or porch encroach into the required setbacks of my district?

The following types of decks may encroach into the required setbacks as per the [Land Use Bylaw](#):

- An unenclosed deck or porch, or other similar structure below 0.6 m in height;
 - An unenclosed deck or porch or other similar structure above 0.6 m in height may project 50% into a front or rear setback.
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Do I need a development permit for my residential deck or porch?

No, you do not need a Development Permit for a residential deck or porch as long as the plans comply with the [Land Use Bylaw](#). If you would like staff to review the plans, please contact us at 403.652.2110 or at planning@highriver.ca and we would be pleased to assist you.

We also recommend calling **Alberta One-Call** at 1-800-242-3447 and **checking the property title** for any easements, caveats, and Utility Right-of-Way agreements at [Alberta Land Titles Spatial Information System \(SPIN2\)](#).