



GENERAL INFORMATION FOR OPEN WOOD DECKS

Unless there are other specific requirements (ie: Conservation Authority, site specific zoning, Greenbelt restrictions, etc), the following information shall apply to the construction of all wood decks:

A Building Permit is required for all decks which are more than 600 mm (2 ft.) above average grade and are attached to a building;

A Building Permit is required for all decks which are more than 600 mm (2 ft.) above average grade and are greater than 10 m² (107.64 sq.ft.) in area;

All footings are to be located on undisturbed soil, minimum 1.2m (4 ft.) below finished grade, designed for a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 120 kPa (2500 psf)

City of Mississauga Zoning By-law 225-2007, as amended:

(Article 4.1.5.1) A porch or deck, located at and accessible from the first storey of the dwelling, inclusive of stairs, may encroach a maximum of 1.6 m into a required front and/or exterior side yard;

(Article 4.1.5.2) A porch or deck, located at and accessible from the first storey of the dwelling, inclusive of stairs, may encroach a maximum of 5.0 m into a required rear yard provided that the porch or deck shall have a minimum setback of 1.5 m to the rear lot line. For a lot with a dwelling requiring a 0.0 m interior side yard, the setback to that interior side lot line from a porch or deck, inclusive of stairs, shall also be 0.0 m. For a lot with a dwelling requiring more than a 0.0 m interior side yard, the setback to the interior side lot line from a porch or a deck, inclusive of stairs, shall be 0.61 m; *

**Applies to a porch or deck located in the rear yard only.*

(Article 4.1.5.7) Any portion of a porch or deck that is located in a rear yard, does not exceed 0.3 m in height above grade at any point and is uncovered, is permitted an unlimited encroachment into the required rear yard;

(Article 4.1.5.11) A freestanding deck may be located in a rear yard provided that it does not exceed 1.2 m in height above grade at any point, is uncovered and is not closer than 0.61 m to any side lot line and 1.5 m to any rear lot line.

(Article 4.1.2.3) Decks and/or balconies are not permitted on top, above or projecting from any part of an accessory building or structure;

Questions concerning the above information should be directed to the Building Division by calling 311 or 905-615-3411 or e-mailed to pbinfo@mississauga.ca