

# City of West Point

## Deck Construction and Inspections

Dear Customer,

Deck construction projects (new, replacement and some repairs) within the City of South Fulton require a permit and inspections. Please contact the permit department to see if your repair may require a permit or inspections. To obtain a permit, please bring proof of ownership, a signed lease or notarized authorization from the owner when applying for a permit. New decks will also require a site plan that must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department prior to the permit being issued. The State of Georgia requires all building contractors to be licensed. Please bring 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@cityofwestpointga.com](mailto:inspections@cityofwestpointga.com) Please give the address, permit number, type of inspection, contact number and any special instructions. Deck construction must comply with Section 507 of the International Residential Code. 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 to receive an inspection.

Sincerely,

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Building Official

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