

Setbacks – Uncovered porches, decks, patios and stoops

Setback from	Decks, patios and uncovered porches and stoops	Covered porches and stoops
Front	15 feet	20 feet
Side	2 feet	5 feet
Side yard abutting street (corner lot)	Must meet the same setback as required for the principal building	9 feet
Rear	2 feet	25 feet

Special notes and exceptions

Decks, patios and uncovered porches and stoops

The above setbacks exist for decks, patios and uncovered porches & stoops that do not extend above the height of the ground floor level of the home. All others must meet the setbacks required for the house itself. (See setbacks required for additions and attached garages.)

Covered porches and stoops

The above setbacks apply to covered porches and stoops that are not enclosed by walls, windows and/or screens. They must be open between the floor and ceiling with the exception of posts, rails and spindles.

If you have questions regarding setbacks or other zoning regulations, please contact the community development department at 952.924.2575.

For questions about the building code, please contact the inspections department at 952.924.2588.

This handout is a summary of the most common zoning requirements and does not cover all zoning regulations. Please contact the inspections department if you have questions regarding zoning and your project.