



# BUILDING BULLETIN

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## Building Services

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Residential Decks &amp; Building Permits</b>
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### A. Purpose

The purpose of this Building Bulletin is to building permit is required for a residential deck.

### B. Background and Definitions

“Building”: means a structure occupying an area greater than ten square metres (107ft<sup>2</sup>) consisting of a wall, roof and floor or any combination of them or a structural system serving the function thereof...” BCA 1.(1).

### C. General Interpretation and Requirements

#### C.1. Building Permit Required

A building permit is required in the following instances:

- The proposed deck is 24” or greater above finished grade AND is 10m<sup>2</sup> (107ft<sup>2</sup>) or greater in size;
- The replacement of existing guards on a deck described in 2 (a) above;
- The replacement, extension or structural alteration of the deck described above;

- The proposed deck supports or will support roof loading regardless of size; or
- A change of use to that other than residential purposes.

## **C.2. Building Permit NOT Required**

A building permit is **NOT** required in the following instances:

- The proposed deck is less than 24" above finished ground level;
- Installing a guard(s) on a deck that is less than 24" above finished ground level;
- The extension or alteration of a deck that is less than 24" above finished ground level; or
- The replacement of only the deck boards on any deck structure.

## **C.3. Residential Deck Construction Guide**

The Town of Collingwood [Residential Deck Construction Guide](#) issued by the Chief Building Official may be used by the owner for standard deck construction without the submission of drawings or details.

## **D. Reference Information**

Ontario Building Code

## **E. Attached**

Town of Collingwood [Residential Deck Construction Guide](#)

## **F. Review Cycle**

This building bulletin will be reviewed annually by the Chief Building Official.

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