DECKS

Building Code requirements as detailed in Village Ordinances 175 and 475 and in the State of Wisconsin Safety and Professional Services Code 321.

Permitted Uses –	A building permit shall be completed before the construction of a deck. The permit shall be accompanied by the required fees, along with a drawing detailing the size, location, and materials used to construct the deck. Inspection of footings, foundation, framing, and completion is required and is the responsibility of the permit holder to notify the inspector.
Permit Fee-	$50.00
Compliance with WI State Codes-	Chapters SPS 320 to 325, the Uniform Dwelling Code, and Chapters SPS 361 to 366, the Commercial Building Code, of the Wisconsin Administrative Code are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof the same as if they were set forth in full herein. Any violation of any part of the provisions thereof shall be a violation of this chapter.
Restrictions – 475-202 (C)	-A platform, deck, or stoop which serves as a front exit may not protrude more than 25 square feet, not including stairs/steps or wheelchair access ramps. -Behind frontal plane of home. -2 ’ minimum off back lot line. -4’ minimum from side lot line.
General Requirements – Wis. SPS 321.02:	Outdoor structure which serves as a raised horizontal platform constructed of wood or other materials, without enclosing walls or roof. All deck components shall be able to withstand the dead load, live load, and the wind load. Wood used shall be either pressure treated, naturally decay resistant variety, or approved composite material.
Handrails & Guardrails – Wis. SPS 321.04(3):	- Guardrails shall be present on all decks which are more than 24” above grade. - Guardrails shall be located at least 36 inches above the surface of the deck. - At least one handrail is required on the open side of the stairway for every stairway of more than 3 risers. - Handrails shall be located at least 30 inches, but not more than 38 inches, above the nosing of the treads. - Handrails with a round or truncated round cross-sectional gripping surface shall have a maximum diameter of 2 inches. Handrails with a rectangular or other cross sectional gripping area shall have a maximum cross-sectional dimension of 2-⅞ inches. - Handrails and guardrails shall be constructed of metal or decay resistant/pressure treated wood. - Open handrails and guardrails shall be equipped with intermediate rails or an ornamental pattern to prevent the passage of a sphere with a diameter of 4 inches or more. - Handrails and guardrails shall be designed and constructed to withstand a 200-pound load applied in any direction.

Stairway – Wis. SPS 321.04(2):	- Every stairway shall measure at least 3 feet in width. - Risers shall not exceed 8 inches in height. - Treads shall be a minimum of 9 inches wide. - The treads and risers shall not vary by more than ⅜ of an inch for the entire run of the stairway.
Frost Penetration – Wis. SPS 321.16:	Deck footings and foundations, including those for ramps and stoops, shall be placed below the frost penetration level or at least 48 inches below adjacent grade, whichever is deeper.

This information shall not be construed as a comprehensive view of the Zoning or Building Codes. All applicable code provisions shall be followed. Building permits, land use permits, plumbing, electrical permits, HVAC permits, and flood plain permits are required prior to beginning construction. Drawings with elevations, plot maps, erosion control, or other information may be required by the official code.

A copy of Village ordinances (with the above sections in depth) is available on the Village website or upon request at the Village Hall.