

## PCD QUICK TIPS- DECKS AND FENCES

### DECKS

- Attached decks over 18 inches in height are considered additions to the dwelling (principal structure) and are subject to the same setback requirements as the dwelling.
- Detached decks over 18 inches in height are considered accessory structures and are subject to the applicable accessory structure setback requirements. If there are no separate accessory structure setbacks, then the principal structure setback requirements apply.
- Setback requirements do not apply to decks, slabs, and patios 18 inches or less in height.

### FENCES

- Fences may be up to seven (7) feet in height. Fences over seven (7) feet in height require a building permit from the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. Retaining walls require engineering approval and a building permit regardless of the height.
- Fences located in the **front yard setback** that are more than 25% opaque cannot exceed 30 inches in height.
- Fences must not obstruct the view of vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- Fences must be maintained in good structural condition.

### RESOURCES

Visit the El Paso County Land Development Code at [www.library.municode.com/co/el\\_paso\\_county](http://www.library.municode.com/co/el_paso_county) or call us at 719-520-6300 for more information.