



Forsyth County Department of Building and Licensing
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RESIDENTIAL

PORCH

DECK

OUTDOOR FIREPLACE

PERMIT

PACKET

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CHECKLIST

Note: Permit applications may be submitted electronically through the Customer Service Portal or in person at our office. You can submit the permit application and upload required documents to the CSS portal at: https://css.forsythco.com/Energov_Prod/selfservice/

Please complete the entire application package, including:

- **Permit Details Form**
- **Required Contractor Documents:** Forms/Affidavits must be signed and Notarized. Do not provide copies of Driver's License.
 - **Authorized Agent Form:** General Contractor. Include current Business License and copy of State License.
 - **Sub-Contractor Affidavits:** Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing (as needed). Include current Business License and copy of State License.
- **Owner/Contractor Exemption:** Required documents if owner will be obtaining permit as the Owner/Contractor.
 - **Self-Work Affidavit:** Required to be Notarized. Select trades to be covered by Owner/Contractor. Submit Sub-Contractor Affidavits for any trades not covered by the Owner/Contractor.
- **Site Plan:** Scale drawing 1 copy 8 1/2 x 11 (see residential site plan example - can be hand drawn).
- **Plat:** Copy of approved recorded plat
- **Environmental Health Approval:** Required if on septic. Obtain at Forsyth County Environmental Health Department (770-781-6909) prior to submitting permit application.
- **Temporary Toilet:** Required if no toilet facilities available on site. Obtain at Forsyth County Environmental Health Department (770-781-6909) prior to submitting permit application.
- **Fees:** Accepted forms of payment: cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard. See the Forsyth County website for the fee schedule: <https://www.forsythco.com/Departments-Offices/Building-Licensing>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This permit packet is to be used when adding one of the following:

- Front Porch
- Rear Deck
- Converting a rear deck to a covered deck
- Converting a rear patio to a covered patio
- Pergolas
- Outdoor fireplace

Inspections are required throughout the project and at the completion. Required inspections may vary depending on permit application type. If you are unsure about required inspections, or how to schedule required inspections, please contact our Inspection Scheduling Team at: **(770-781-2114) Option 1**.

The issuance of a building permit does not assure that the building setbacks have been met or that the structure does not encroach on any easement, or buffer. The owner and/or permit holder have the sole responsibility of determining compliance with setbacks and non-encroachment of easements and buffers.

PERMIT DETAILS FORM

PROPERTY ADDRESS INFORMATION

Site Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Subdivision Name and Lot # (if applicable): _____ Lot # _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (if applicable)

Business Name: _____ GA State License # _____

Email: _____ Phone# _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Description of work: _____

Front Porch Sq.ft. _____ Deck Sq.ft. _____ Patio Sq.ft. _____ Covered Deck/Patio Sq.ft. _____

Fireplace Sq.ft. _____ Pergola Sq.ft. _____

Sewer System: Septic County City Private

Type of Foundation: Basement Crawlspace Footing Monoslab

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

The undersigned states that the above information is true and correct, understands that the permit issued is only for the construction as stated and that occupancy is not permissible until all inspections and code requirements are met and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by Forsyth County.

Applicant's Name (if applicable): _____

Applicant's Signature (if applicable): _____

Property Owner's Name: _____

_____ Date

Property Owner's Signature: _____

_____ Date

**All site plans and permit cards are to remain onsite
until a Certificate of Occupancy has been obtained**

RESIDENTIAL SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

A house location plan is required for any proposed residential building or structure. Any proposed addition to an existing residential building or structure. Any proposed residential accessory building or structure, including swimming pools and retaining walls. The following information is required to be on site plan:

- a. Property lines with dimensions
- b. Location and names of all abutting streets and rights of way
- c. Minimum required front, side, and rear building setback lines with dimensions
- d. The approximate outline of all proposed and existing buildings/structures including projections such as fireplaces, bay windows, porches, patios decks, stairs.
- e. The approximate outline of all driveways, walkways, swimming pools, retaining walls, and other improvements proposed and/or existing.
- f. Outline of roof overhangs will need to be shown dimensions of overhangs must be listed. (Overhangs cannot encroach into easements or buffers).
- g. Dimensions of building and distances between all structures and the nearest property lines. Dimensions of all projections including bay windows, fireplaces, porches, decks, and eaves.
- h. Location and dimension of all floodplain limits, buffer requirements, and all drainage or any other easements.
- i. Subdivision name, lot number, street address and zoning.
- j. Required zoning conditions for separation between buildings on adjacent lots specifying where measurement is taken from wall to wall, foundation to foundation, eave to eave, roof overhang to roof overhang, etc.
- k. All other zoning requirements of the zoning approval, square footage requirements, garage single double etc.
- l. Finished Area of home, unfinished area such as basements, porches, decks, patios, etc.
- m. Height of structure see [\(Unified Development Code Chapter 3 Building Height Definitions; Chapter 11 Residential Districts; Chapter 15 Agriculture Districts\)](#)

Vinyl Exterior material of any kind prohibited in all major subdivisions. [\(Unified Development Chapter 11\)](#)

SAMPLE SITE PLAN

HOUSE LOCATION PLAN FOR:

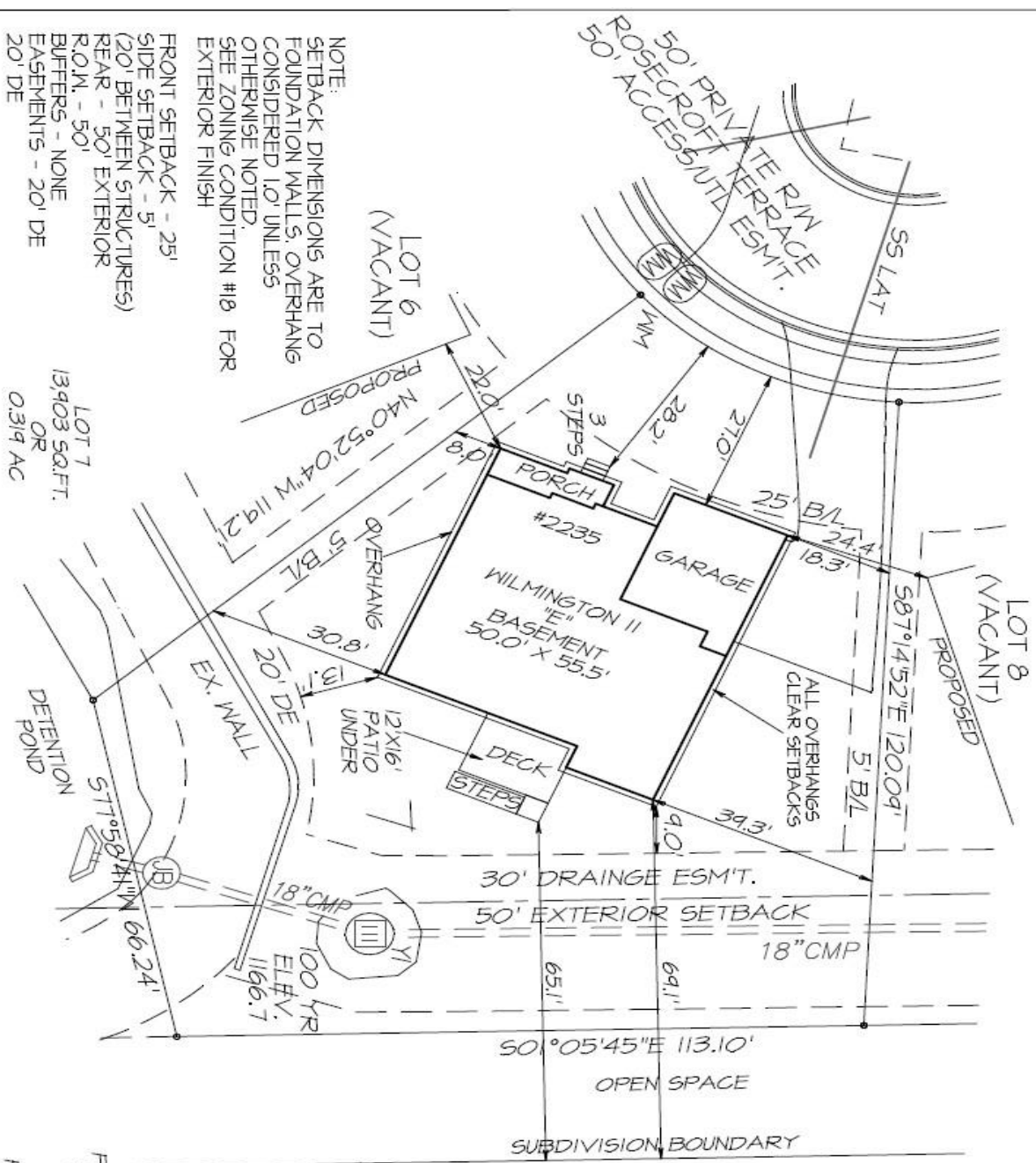
LOT 7

SENECA OVERLOOK
 LL 567 - 2nd DIST. - 1ST SECT.

FORSTYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA

TAX MAP #155 PARCEL #671

SCALE 1" = 20'
 JUNE 7, 2018



NOTE:
 SETBACK DIMENSIONS ARE TO FOUNDATION WALLS, OVERHANGS CONSIDERED 1.0' UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 SEE ZONING CONDITION #18 FOR EXTERIOR FINISH

FRONT SETBACK - 25'
 SIDE SETBACK - 5'
 (20' BETWEEN STRUCTURES)
 REAR - 50' EXTERIOR
 R.O.M. - 50'
 BUFFERS - NONE
 EASEMENTS - 20' DE
 20' DE

AREA TABULATION
 FRONT PORCH 104 SF
 FRONT STEPS 12 SF
 GARAGE 463 SF
 DECK 192 SF
 PATIO UNDER 192 SF
 DECK STEPS 60 SF
 TOTAL HEATED 3,789 SF

GRAPHIC SCALE 1" = 20'



ZONED - RES 3

NOTE: INFORMATION FOR THIS PLAN TAKEN FROM FINAL PLAN OF SENECA OVERLOOK PB 170 PG 115-123

SCALE:	1" = 20'
DATE SURVEYED:	6-7-18
DATE DRAFTED:	6-7-18
SURVEYED BY:	LRB
DRAWN BY:	LRB
JOB NUMBER:	#2684

ELECTRICAL SUB-CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

Site Address: _____

This is to certify that I am responsible for the **Electrical** installation and compliance with all applicable codes. I understand that Forsyth County requires Temporary Power Connection to Service Utilities before final inspection. I relieve Forsyth County and its Inspectors from any liability for damages or loss of property or improper installation.

Company Name

State License #

Licensed Electrical Contractor Signature

Notary Public Signature and Stamp

Date

Do you have a restricted license? Yes No

if yes, Is the scope of this work within the license restriction (Residential, Single Phase, maximum 400 amps)?

Yes No

Licensed Electrical Contractor Signature

Date

MECHANICAL SUB-CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

Site Address: _____

This is to certify that I am responsible for the **Mechanical** installation and compliance with all applicable codes. I relieve Forsyth County and its Inspectors from any liability for damages, loss of property or improper installation.

Company Name

State License #

Licensed Mechanical Contractor Signature

Notary Public Signature and Stamp

Date

Do you have a restricted license? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, is the scope of this work within the license restriction (Maximum 175,000 BTU heating, maximum 60,000 BTU cooling)?

Yes ____ No ____

Licensed Mechanical Contractor Signature

Date

PLUMBING SUB-CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT

Site Address: _____

This is to certify that I am responsible for the **Plumbing** installation and compliance with all applicable codes. I assume all responsibility and liability for the installation of the building sewer and water lines. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that the sewer and water lines are installed in compliance with the Georgia Minimum Plumbing Code and any local ordinances. Ordinances may be obtained from Forsyth County/City of Cumming.

I also understand that Forsyth County/City of Cumming requires a cleanout at sewer tap. I relieve Forsyth County/City of Cumming and its Inspectors from any liability for damages loss of property or improper installation.

Company Name

State License #

Licensed Plumber Contractor Signature

Utility Contractor Signature (if applicable)

Notary Public Signature and Stamp

Date

Do you have a restricted license? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, is the scope of work within the license restriction (Single-family dwellings, one-level dwellings designed for no more than 2 families and commercial structures not exceeding 10,000 sq ft)? Yes _____ No _____

Licensed Plumber Contractor Signature

Date

When installing an irrigation system if connecting to an existing water supply line backflow protection and rain sensor will be verified at time of Final Plumbing inspection.