



## **Madison County Planning and Development Department Citizen Fact Sheet**

### **“I Want to Build a Deck” Frequently Asked Questions about Decks**

**For further Questions call 618-296-4468 or e-mail [zoning@co.madison.il.us](mailto:zoning@co.madison.il.us)**

#### **How do I know if I need a permit for a deck?**

If you are located in the unincorporated areas of Madison County a permit is necessary for building a deck.

#### **Can I build it on the property line?**

There are lot line setback regulations, so you cannot build the deck on the property line. The setback regulations are determined by which zoning district you are located in, if the deck is attached to the home, and if it will be a free standing deck.

#### **Are there height and spacing requirements for railings?**

There are height and spacing requirements for railings. Minimum height is 36 inches. The use of spindles would require a spacing of no greater than 4 inches between them, and if there are 4 steps on the deck it will require hand rails.

#### **General FAQ'S**

Know your utilities locations by calling 1-800-Julie before starting your project.

Cost of a deck is .15 cents per sq ft plus \$30.00 final inspection.