



Frequently Asked Questions

I am interested in running a business from my home, is this allowed?

Certain types of businesses may be operated from a residence provided that the regulations in Section 6.9.1 of our Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Customary Home Occupations are met and a permit is obtained. Customary Home Occupations are incidental to the residential use and shall not change the exterior residential character of the dwelling. A Customary Home Occupation is a profession or a hobby, or which is educational or domestic in nature and which occupation is carried on for financial gain within, and limited to the occupants of the residence. Contact the Mint Hill Planning Department to apply for your Customary Home Occupation permit.

I want to build a shed on my property, do I need a permit?

All structures over 12 feet in any dimension require a building permit, which is issued by Mecklenburg County LUESA. Any accessory structure 12 feet or less in all dimensions simply needs a Zoning Permit, which is issued by the Mint Hill Planning Department.

Do I need a permit to install a fence on my residential property?

A permit is not required for the installation of a fence. However, there are regulations found in our UDO Section 6.9.2 that must be met. In general, with the exception of the Downtown Overlay District, the maximum height of a fence in the front yard is 5 feet, the side and rear yards can be a maximum of 7 feet. All fences should be placed in a manner so that they can be maintained on-site by the property owner. Fences cannot be placed in the right-of-way.

Are there any code requirements to have a horse on my property?

Livestock for noncommercial purposes may be kept in a single-family dwelling district on a lot having a minimum area of two acres, upon which lot no more than two animals are permitted as found in UDO Section 6.9.7 (9). For each additional one acre of land, one additional animal is permitted. The property must be maintained clean and sanitary and comply with all health regulations of Mecklenburg County in addition to the following:

- Any structure housing livestock shall be located a minimum distance of 100 feet from any street property line or any interior lot line.
- Refuse from livestock and stockpiled for future use or disposal shall not be located closer than 100 feet to any residence.

I am interested in placing a sign at my new business location, what size sign can I have?

The Table of Sign requirements in Section 6.5.6 allow for these types of signs according to the uses in each district and it provides the maximum dimensions, type of sign, number of signs, etc. Sign permits are issued by the Town of Mint Hill.

Our business is having an upcoming promotional, where can I place a sign advertising the event?

All temporary signage is prohibited per Section 6.5.4 of the UDO.

What do I need to install a pool in my yard?

You must fill out an application with the Mecklenburg County Health Department (MCHD). Call 704-336-5100 for more information. After receiving approval to construct your swimming pool from the MCHD, you must obtain a Building Permit prior to beginning construction. This will include an electrical permit if there is any power to the pool, including a made up wire and plug. A plumbing permit may also be required. Permit holder will be responsible for inspections and compliance with the Health Department ordinance and the State Residential Code. Contact Mecklenburg County LUESA.