



PLANNING

All additions must comply with regulatory standards governing distances to be maintained from property lines. These standards may vary from one municipality to the next or from one type of zoning to the other. It is recommended that you consult a development officer for more information.

The by-laws also provide for encroachments (or projections) associated with certain construction projects, such as window sills, chimneys, cornices, awnings and escape ladders.

Other structures may be constructed within regulated setbacks as long as they remain unenclosed. These include stairs, porches, patios, terraces and access ramps.

CONSTRUCTION

The National Building Code distinguishes between the various rooms in a residence depending on their primary function. In other words, the standards governing construction of a bedroom are different from those applicable to a living room. This is based on safety concerns.

Be sure to meet with a building inspector before proceeding with any project in order to avoid unpleasant surprises.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

If you are planning an addition to your residence, you must present the following documents when applying for your permit:

- Site plan
- plan of proposed addition
- Details on wall composition
- Any other relevant construction details

