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Code Enforcement Reminds Residents and Businesses about City Deck Building Procedures

Some have been building decks in town without the proper permits.

MORGANTOWN – The Code Enforcement office would like to remind the public about deck building procedures in the City of Morgantown.

Chief Code Enforcement Officer Mike Stone says there have been a few bars that have built or started decks in the past few months without the required permits and plan reviews.

“Since the Clean Indoor Air regulations went into effect, we’ve had every bar in town apply for a deck permit,” he said Friday. “But not everyone is going about it the correct way.”



Stone says a permit is required in order for a deck to be built onto an existing structure, whether it’s a business or a residence, because the risk associated with an unapproved deck plan can be disasterous.

- Businesses who wish to have a deck must have it engineered and submit four copies of the plans to have reviewed, signed and stamped.
- Residents who would like to build a deck onto a house still need to submit two copies of their plans for review to gain a permit. If they’re using a contractor, they should check to make sure they’re licensed to operate in the city.

Stone also pointed out that the cost of getting a permit and going about building a deck the correct way is a lot cheaper than paying up to \$500 in fines for trying to skirt the rules.

If you have questions, please contact the Code Enforcement office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The number there is (304) 284-7401.

