# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **Building Information Sheet #1**

## Q: Where can I get more information on the new Building Act 2011?

A: Please check the Building Commission's website for details. https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-commission

## O: What information do I need to submit for a building Permit?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 2</u>. This sheet provides a list of documents required for your application together with other supporting information you may need for your application.

## Q: Do I need approval for a retaining wall?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 3</u>. This sheet provides information regarding retaining walls such as who is responsible for a retaining wall and when approval is required.

## Q: What do I have to pay for my application?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 4.</u> This contains all the fee calculations as part the new Building Act 2011 including Building Permits, Demolition Permits and Retrospective Building Approval applications Building Approval Certificate). It is available from the Building Services section of the City's web site.

## Q: How close to the boundary can I build?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 5.</u> This sheet provides information regarding the setbacks required for a particular lot which is based upon the zoning of the lot.

## Q: What size outbuilding can I build?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 6</u>. This sheet provides information regarding the type and size of outbuildings that can be built on various lots within the City.

### Q: Do I need approval for a front fence?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 7</u>. This sheet provides information regarding the height and materials that are acceptable for front fences together with design considerations and when approval is required.

#### Q: What can I do about my unauthorised building works?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 8.</u> This sheet provides information about the approval process for retrospective building approval for structures that have been built without a building Permit.

#### Q: What type of sign can I erect without approval?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 9</u>. This sheet provides brief information about the type of signs that are exempt from the need to get a sign licence and restrictions of sign placement. It also sets out the conditions for temporary signs.

## Q: What can I build without formal building approval?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 10</u>. This sheet provides information about minor and incidental structures that do not require formal building approval if they comply with the provisions set out.

## Q: What can I do about my neighbours trees and roots intruding on my property?

A: Please refer to <u>Information Sheet 11</u>. This sheet provides information about neighbours rights and responsibilities when faced with overhanging tree branches and roots from neighbour's trees.

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