

# Zoning Quick Facts - Surveys

## What is a survey?

A property survey shows the property boundaries, improvements on the property such as buildings, fences, driveways and paths, natural features such as trees or wetlands as well as easements and other encumbrances.

Surveys need to meet certain standards and must be prepared by a surveyor who is licensed in Connecticut and familiar with all the legal requirements. The most common survey type is an “A-2” survey, which is a standard for accuracy.

## What do I need a survey for?

Surveys are required for a number of applications, including:

- Building Permits – new construction and additions, including generators and propane tanks
- Zoning Permits (standalone) – fences, sheds less than 200 sf and other permitted obstructions

## What should I consider before getting a survey?

Surveys can be costly. Before getting a survey consider the following:

- Is a survey needed for what I am planning to do? In some instances, Zoning Enforcement may not need a survey. *Contact Zoning Enforcement for more information*
- What information needs to be shown on the survey, for example improvements, easements? *Contact Zoning Enforcement for more information*
- Does the City have a survey on file? The City may have a survey on file from a previous application? *Contact the Building Department or Zoning Enforcement for more information*

- Who prepared the previous survey? It may be cheaper to get an updated survey rather than requesting a new one. *Contact the surveyor listed on your survey for more information*

## How do I get a Survey?

If you or the City do not have a survey on file or if you need a new survey you have to have a survey prepared by a surveyor licensed in Connecticut.

## How do I find a Surveyor?

You can find a surveyor by visiting the [Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors](#) website.

## How much are surveys?

Prices for surveys vary based on the size of the property and the information shown on the survey but can cost several hundreds to thousands of dollars.

## Who do I contact if I have more questions?

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