Planning & Community Development

The following information is typically needed in order to submit an application for review. Depending on the scope of work, and the zoning district in which the project is located, some items may not apply or may be combined. Refer to the table on page 3 for specific zone requirements. If you have a question on required items, please call (206) 801-2500 or stop by our office. Read each item carefully and provide all applicable information.

☐ Permit Application

☐ Submittal Fee: Based on valuation and hourly rate. See Development Handout titled Construction Permit Fees.

☐ Critical Area Worksheet. A critical area report may be required if a critical area such as a stream, wetland, or steep slope exists on or is adjacent to the site.

☐ Mechanical/Plumbing Application. For heating and cooling equipment as well as water piping/plumbing fixtures. If all of the units are identical, a total fixture count is acceptable.

☐ Transportation Impact Fee Estimation Form

☐ Park Impact Fee Estimation Form

☐ Fire Impact Fee Estimation Form

☐ Water Availability Certificate. Required for all new residential construction and additions where the total area exceeds 500 square feet. To obtain a Water or Fire Flow Certificate of Availability contact:
  • City of Seattle Public Utilities (206) 684-5800
  • North City Water District (206) 362-8100
  • The Highlands (206) 362-2100

☐ Certificate of Sewer Availability. Required for all new construction and additions (including carports, decks, etc.)
  • Ronald Wastewater (deferred to permit review)
  • The Highlands (206) 362-2100

☐ Built-Green Registration (if Applicable – see table, below). Provide registration number and copy of signed 3rd party verification contract.

☐ Construction Drawings – Three (3) copies (24” x 36”) drawn to an architectural scale (e.g. 1/4” = 1’ minimum size). Identify the building code editions used to design the project.

  Non-Structural
  • Detail heated and unheated square footage by floor level.
  • Floor plans of each floor. Provide dimensions for all areas. For additions include floor plans of adjacent portions of the existing buildings.

  Structural
  • Foundation plan(s).
  • Structural framing for all floors and roofs.
  • Construction details with section cuts identifying where they can be located on the plans.
  • Provide one plan sheet with shear wall schedule and location of all shear wall and holdown types.
  • Building Height – Calculate the building height based on the average existing grade. Show the height on the building elevations. For all residential structures over two stories in height, provide a reference datum point for the existing grade and show the average existing grade calculation on the site plan.
  • For those dwellings designed to the provisions of the International Building Code provide structural engineering calculations. (Two (2) Copies)

☐ Completed 2015 Washington State Energy Code compliance forms (attached) – Two (2) copies

☐ Heating System Sizing Calculator For all NEW Residential construction - form needs to be filled out ONLINE and printed out and submitted with application submittal packet.

☐ Site Plan – Three (3) copies (24” x 36”) drawn to an engineering scale (e.g. 1”=20’). Interior work to the building only may not require a site plan. The site plan is used for land use and site development review. Additional copies of land use and site development plans may be necessary due to complexity. Any additions or alterations to buildings/structures or site conditions should be clearly identified by labels or notes. Changes in contour lines and other site features should be identified using heavier and darker lines.
Provide the following on both land use and site development (civil review) plans. Separate plan sets may be necessary to address both land use items and site development (e.g. drainage, right-of-way improvements, utilities, etc.):

- Property (site) address and the name, address, and phone number of the person who prepared the drawing. Include project name if appropriate.
- Graphic engineering scale used and north arrow.
- Property lines and dimensions
- Structures on adjacent lots within 15’ of property lines.
- Quantities of cut and fill.
- Critical areas and required buffers.
- All utilities (existing and proposed) from the point of connection to the site (including water, sewer, gas, power, and telecommunications).
- Work areas, clearing limits, material and soils stockpile areas, and erosion control methods.
- Location and dimensions of **existing and proposed**:  
  - Easements such as drainage, access, utility, and open space. If known, include easement recording number.
  - Rights-of-way, including alleys and street names.
  - Buildings, including identification/use, projections, roof overhangs, covered breezeways, carports, and other accessory buildings.
  - Demolished buildings.
  - Building setbacks from front, side, and rear property lines.
  - Location of rockeries and retaining walls.
  - Location of fences.
  - Access points to the right-of-way.
  - Driveways, roads, walkways, and parking onsite.
  - Patios, decks, and all other hardscape surfaces.
  - Topographical Contours: draw at 2’ spacing onsite and 5’ spacing for 20’ from property lines and on slopes over 15%.

- **Hardscape and Building Coverage Calculation Worksheet** – Provide itemized calculations that show hardscape totals and as percentage of the site area (all projects). Also provide building coverage total and percentage if applicable (see table, below).

- **Site Development Plans – Three (3) copies**
  - Drainage/surface water design, showing:  
    - Flow paths of stormwater through the site.
    - Well, steep slope, stream, wetland, and septic system drain fields.
    - Drainage improvements (type, locations, elevations, dimensions).
    - Details for proposed drainage design.
  - Right-of-way improvements: Location and dimensions of existing:  
    - Fire hydrants and power poles within 150’ of the property.
    - Water meters, street signs, edge of pavement, pavement width, ditches, sidewalk, landscaping, trees, curb, and gutter.
    - Details for proposed right-of-way work.
  - **Please note:** Permits from other agencies are not required for permit approval, but approval of proposed utility locations from the water, sewer, and power providers is required. Utility plans must be legibly signed and dated by the utility to be approved.

- **Surface Water Report – two (2) copies** are required for any projects proposing 2,000 FS of new and replaced hard surfaces. The Surface Water Report must follow the guidelines in Appendix C of the Engineering Development Manual.

- **Geotechnical or Soils Report – two (2) copies.** The geotechnical report or soils analysis may be submitted within the Surface Water Report or as a standalone document.

- **Declaration of Covenant – one (1) copy** of the draft covenant form is required for any project that proposes on-site stormwater facilities. The draft form does NOT need to be notarized or signed.

- **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) – two (2) copies,** each submitted as a standalone document.  
  - The Short Form SWPPP can be used for Small or Medium Impact Projects (Projects proposing under 5,000 SF of new and replaced hard surface AND less than 7,000 SF of disturbance)
  - The Department of Ecology’s SWPPP template must be used for Large Impact Projects

- **Waste Diversion Plan and Salvage Assessment** required for construction or alterations of a building or structure greater than 1,000 square feet of gross floor area (may be deferred to permit issuance). When demolition is proposed a Salvage Assessment must be prepared by a third party. A Waste Diversion Report, including tip receipts or signed salvage affidavits and photo documentation, are required prior to permit finalization.

- **Tree Retention Calculation Worksheet (if applicable, see table, below)**
  - Location, size, species, and condition of all existing trees on the property. Show driplines of trees within 20’ of proposed development.
  - Identification of trees to be retained, trees to be preserved, and location of planted trees.
  - Graphic representation and written description of proposed tree protection measures and tree and vegetation planting details.
  - Calculation of required significant tree retention percentage.
  - Calculation of required replacement trees.
• Trees proposed for removal have been clearly marked on the site and tree protection measures are in place. (A city planner will visit the site to confirm prior to reviewing your application).

□ **Landscaping Plan**—two (2) copies *(if applicable, see table, below)*
  ▪ Identify all existing vegetation/landscaping.
  ▪ Location, size and spacing of all proposed plantings at maturity.
  ▪ Plant schedule that includes the plants’ common and botanical names and the planting size and quantity to be planted with a certified and registered landscape architect, contractor or nurseryman.
  ▪ Planting details for ground cover, shrubs, trees, and street trees.
  ▪ Irrigation system.

□ **Other permits that may be required include:**

- Demolition – for the removal of buildings or portions of buildings. Demolition can be done under main permit if all demolition permit checklist items are submitted.
- Fire alarm/sprinkler – for the installation or modifications to fire sprinkler systems.
- Right-of-way – for construction in the right-of-way including driveways.
- Right-of-way – sewer work in right-of-way.
- Wastewater – sewer work in right-of-way.
- Wastewater – new sewer connection.
- Electrical – modifications to or installation of electrical circuits and fixtures. (separate application through the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries)
- Construction Stormwater General Permit (separate application through the Washington State Department of Ecology)

Fees effective 1/2020

**NOTES:** Submit a right-of-way permit application with the Residential Building Permit when work in the right-of-way is required. This work can include utility installation, frontage improvements, driveway apron, or surface water improvements. Please see the checklist titled *Right-of-Way Permits.*

If the project is eligible for Built-Green, Energy Star or Home Energy Rating System (HERS) certification, please include a copy of the checklist.

All submittal items must be legible. No pencil drawings will be accepted. Number each plan page consecutively and *staple them together* with the site plan as your first sheet. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The Development Code (Title 20) is located at CodePublishing.com
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