

# Washoe County PLAN SUBMITTAL

## Single Family Dwelling

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# SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE GUIDELINES

The following is an outline of the requirements for a **single family dwelling** submittal. This list is for reference purposes only and may not include all items needed to complete the plan check process.

## 1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTAL

- Two complete sets of plans plus four sets of architectural plans for other agencies. Two additional site plans if lot has a septic system. (For additional septic information see below)
- All pages of the plans shall be on the same size paper. The minimum size of plans allowable is 18" x 24".
- Plans shall be firmly bound on one edge.
- Plans must be legible and clear for electronic scanning.
- All plans and details are to be drawn to scale and fully dimensioned.

## 2. SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The following information needs to be present on either the title sheet or on the site plan:

- Owners name
- Mailing address
- Project address
- Lot, block and subdivision
- Assessor's parcel number
- Contact Information
- E-mail Address, Cellular Number, Fax, Office Phone, Home Phone
- Show vicinity map, north arrow, date and scale (preferred 1" = 40').
- All property lines with distances, dimensions and total lot area.
- Existing topography on lots with a slope of greater than 10% and proposed grading shall be shown with contour intervals of not more than two feet.
- Show location of any watercourse and/or natural drainage channel, bodies of water and 100-year floodplains within 100 feet of subject property.
- Show location of right-of-way, access easement, street and/or driveway serving the structure. The slope of the access shall be a maximum of 14%. Show the driveway width and length.
- Show required front, side and rear yard setbacks. Show the setbacks of each existing and proposed building(s) from the property lines.
- Show all public utilities, drainage, and easements. Structures shall not be located on any easements.
- Show all structures, existing and proposed, including dimensions, height, location and use. Locate all detached buildings and Mother-in-Law Units.
- Show type and location of any slope stabilization and/or retaining walls including heights and finished grades.
- Show grades and drainage details. Surface drainage shall be diverted to a storm sewer conveyance or other approved point of collection so as to not create a hazard. Lots shall be graded to drain surface water away from foundation walls. The grade shall fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet. Exception: Where lots lines, walls, slopes or other physical barriers prohibit 6 inches of fall within 10 feet, drains or swales shall be constructed to ensure drainage away from the structure. Impervious surfaces within 10 feet of the building foundation shall be sloped a minimum of 2 percent away from the building.
- Show location and height of fences.
- Grading needs to include the amount of disturbed area and cubic yards of excavation and fill.
- Awning and deck information shall include location, distance from property lines and height from grade.
- Retaining walls must be shown including the height from finished grade to top of wall.
- Show location of mechanical equipment.



- Show septic fields with topography lines at 2-foot intervals.
- Show all fire hydrants within 200' of the property.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Grading

If the project disturbs an acre or more of land, the applicant must:

- Contact the Air Quality Management Division of the District Health Department to obtain a dust control permit.
- Contact the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to obtain a Notice of Intent (NOI) and construction storm water discharge permit (or waiver).
- Contact the Washoe County Engineering Division and submit a Construction Permit Submittal Checklist, a Performance Standards Compliance Checklist and payment of the Construction Storm Water Inspection Fee.

See Grading Handout for more detailed information.

### 2. Regional Road Impact Fee (RRIF)

Washoe County collects the RRIF for new residences. The fee is for the increased traffic generated by new construction and is approximately \$4,400 for a single-family residence. This fee is collected at the time the building permit is issued.

### 3. Floodplains

- If the structure is in a FEMA floodplain or in an area determined to be a floodplain, there will be additional requirements for construction. There are several options and methods of construction in a floodplain and the Engineering Division will assist you in determining which methods meet your needs.
- The services of a licensed engineer or land surveyor will be required to complete a FEMA Elevation Certificate. The first part of the elevation certificate is required before a building permit is issued. The second part is required at the floor joist inspection. The elevation certificate (part 2) can be used to obtain flood insurance for the structure.

### 4. Wood/Pellet/Gas Stoves

You can receive a permit to install a gas-fired stove or a low-emitting pellet stove. The installation of a fireplace or wood-burning stove is dependent on several factors, including your zip code, land-use zoning and the size of your property. To determine if your home is eligible for a wood-burning device, please gather the specified information and contact the Air Quality Management Division.

### 5. Parks Construction Tax

The residential construction tax must be imposed on the privilege of constructing apartment houses and residential dwelling units and developing mobile home lots in the County. The rate of the tax for construction of apartment houses and residential dwelling units is 1 percent of the valuation of each building permit issued or \$1,000 per residential dwelling unit, whichever is less.

### 6. Fire Department

Contact your local fire department for fire requirements and access issues.

For construction requirements mandated by fire hazard area designation see the **Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUI) Guide: Building Construction Requirements** available at [http://www.washoecounty.us/building/application\\_page/index.html](http://www.washoecounty.us/building/application_page/index.html).



## Plan Submittal Checklist

### 1. DRAFTING OF PLANS:

Plans drawn by persons not licensed by the Nevada State Board of Architecture or the Nevada State Board of Registered Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, cannot be accepted by the Department Of Building and Safety.

#### EXEMPTION:

- An owner builder may prepare plans for use with his own residential construction. This does not exempt the owner builder from any engineering requirements set forth in the building code or by Washoe County.
- Plans submitted by a licensed contractor under the provisions of NRS 623 who provides his own drawings for his own construction activity.

### 2. ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEES (NRS 278.563)

- If the project is located in an area that has an architectural committee that is registered with Washoe County, architectural committee approval is required, in the form of a written report, prior to submitting your plans to the building department.

### 3. ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS

Structural engineering is required if the ground snow load is more than 70 pounds per square foot. See adopted snow load table below.

- Provide two (2) wet sealed (original stamp and signature) engineering calculations for the project.
- All engineering requirements are to be shown on plans.
- The project engineer or architect shall wet stamped and sealed all engineered plan sheets.

#### Snow Load Requirements

**Table 1608.2.1 - GROUND SNOW LOADS pg, FOR NORTHERN NEVADA LOCATIONS**

Elevation In Feet	WEST of U.S. Hwy 395 Sierra slope	EAST of U.S. Hwy 395	Lyon County	Storey County	All Nevada Counties Lake Tahoe Basin
	Carson, Douglas, Washoe, Reno	Carson, Douglas, Washoe Counties, Reno & Sparks			
	Pg (Pounds Per Square Foot)	Pg (Pounds Per Square foot)	Pg (Pounds Per Square foot)	Pg (Pounds Per Square foot)	Pg (Pounds Per Square foot)
4500	30	30	10	10	
5000	30	30	30	10	
5100	41	31	31	10	
5200	52	33	33	10	
5300	64	34	34	10	
5400	75	35	35	10	
5500	86	37	37	50	
6000	142	43	43	70	220
6500	171	43	43	90	235
7000	200	57	57	90	250
7500	215	57	57	90	265
8000	229	86	86	90	280



8500	243	86	86	90	295
9000	271	114	114	114	330
9500	300	142	142	142	390
10000	357	142	142	142	420

1. Drift load design in the 30-psf zones may utilize ASCE 7 -10 Table C7-1 ground snow values.  
2. The final roof design loads shall not be less than 20 psf after all reductions are factored, except for Lyon County.  
3. Intermediate values may be interpolated by proportion.

### Basic Wind Speed

#### ***I.B.C. Section 1609.3 (Basic Wind Speed) & 1609.4 (Exposure)***

Minimum basic wind speed for risk category II shall be 130 mph  $V_{ult}$ .

Minimum basic wind speed for risk category III & IV shall be 140 mph  $V_{ult}$ .

Minimum basic wind speed for risk category I shall be 120 mph  $V_{ult}$ .

No altitude density reduction shall be taken.

Exposure is C unless modified by ASCE 7-10.

### Seismic Design

#### ***I.B.C. Chapter 16, Section 1613***

The seismic design for structures within Washoe County shall be based on the response parameters and equations of Chapter 16. Use Category 'D2' for single family residential structures designed to the ***I.R.C.***

## 4. ENERGY CALCULATION FORMS

All energy compliance forms must meet the 2009 International Energy Code requirements. Residential plan submittals should be submitted on REScheck or similar software documentation. Free downloads are available from the Department of Energy's web page at [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov). A prescriptive package that does not require a computer is also available from Washoe County Department of Building and Safety.

## 5. TRUSS CALCULATIONS

- Two (2) sets of truss calculations are to be submitted at time of application. Calculations must be site specific, either with address or Assessors Parcel Number, and wet sealed.
- All Truss locations are to be identified on the roof-framing layout.
- An approval letter from the project engineer is required that includes the following information:
  - i. Date
  - ii. Project Address
  - iii. Owner's Name
  - iv. Contractor
  - v. Permit Number
  - vi. Truss Manufacturer and date
  - vii. Project engineer signature and wet seal stating "This letter is to certify that I have reviewed the attached truss calculations for the above address, prior to submitting to the building department, and find them to be in compliance with the plans and specifications (including, but not limited to, connections, truss loads, load path, bearing points, etc.)"

## 6. FLOOR PLAN

- Label the function of each room (i.e. kitchen, bedroom, den, dining room, etc.)
- The preferred minimum architectural scale of ¼" = 1' should be used.
- Show the location of all plumbing fixtures.
- Show water heater & furnace sizes and locations.
- Show all walls & partitions.
- Show all appliances/washer & dryer.



- Show all windows and doors (Include all sizes and types).
- Show kitchen and bathroom counters/cabinets.
- Show shear walls and shear wall schedule.
- Show guardrail type, height, and rail spacing.
- Show fireplace and hearth, including wood or pellet stoves. (Show size & type).
- Show landings at all exterior doors.
- Show size and location of skylight openings (If glass, include manufacturer's information).
- Show width, rise and run of all stairways.

## **7. FOUNDATION and FLOOR FRAMING**

- Show size and location of all foundations and piers.
- Show size, span, and spacing of all floor-framing members.
- Show size and spacing of all anchor bolts.
- Show hold-downs and attachment.
- Show all post/beam size (Include connectors used).
- Indicate type of floor sheathing and attachment information.
- Show stepped footings, basement walls, and stem wall footings.
- Show size and location of under floor access and cross ventilation.
- Show deck and porch footings/piers.
- Indicate ground location and size for electrical panel.
- Show separate floor framing layout for upper floors.

## **8. ELEVATIONS**

- Show all sides of proposed project.
- Show all exterior grades, floor, and roof heights.
- Show types of material to be used such as roofing material, siding, etc.
- Show all posts, decks, overhangs, and details.
- Show foundation & attic vents.
- Show windows and doors matching location on floor plan.
- Indicate roof pitch.
- Indicate ice dam material.
- Indicate building heights of main structure and all other structures to be built on the property as measured from final grade.
- Show height of decks from lowest point of final grade and distance from property line.
- Show elevation of all stories of all structures.
- State composition and color of all siding and roofing materials.

## **9. ROOF FRAMING PLAN**

- Show size, span, and spacing of all framing members
- Each individual truss shall bear the same designation as the truss calculations
- Show size and location of all beams, headers and posts
- Show size and type of all framing hardware such as hangers, clips, straps, etc.
- Indicate roof sheathing and connection to framing members.
- Show location of fireplace chimneys and skylights.
- Show size and location of all ridges, hips, and valleys.

## **10. ELECTRICAL**

- Size and location of all electrical panels.
- Location of all electrical receptacles, light fixtures, switches, AFCI outlets, GFCI outlets, etc.
- Location of all exterior fixtures and outlets.



- Size of electrical ground.
- Size and location of all furnaces.
- Location of A/C-D/C interconnected smoke detectors.

## 11. CROSS SECTIONS

- Show a minimum of one (1) complete **detailed** building construction cross sections.
- Size, span, and spacing of all framing members.
- Show all insulation, (floor/roof/wall).
- Piers, girders, posts, and hangers.
- Sheathing & nailing (floor/roof/wall).
- Anchor bolts.
- Sheetrock, (type & thickness).
- Decks and deck framing.
- Footing size & depth (include rebar size & spacing) 24" frost line.
- Rafters/trusses, roof framing.
- Floor blocking.
- Roof overhangs, ceiling joists (Show sizes & details).
- Top plates, studs, and sole plates (Show sizes & details).
- Complete construction cross sections of fireplace and chimney framing.
- Type of material to be used under cantilevered floor joists.
- Rim joists (Show sizes & details).
- Shear transfer from roof through foundation.
- Insulation.

## 12. DETAILS

- Minimum scale 1/2" = 1'
- Show all engineering details and schedules shown or referenced in structural calculations.
- Footings, piers.
- Post to girder.
- Pier to beam.
- Header connections.
- Roof eaves.
- Pony walls, drag strap connections.
- Interior footings.
- Girder truss-to-truss connection.
- Beam to joist connection.
- Top plate splice.
- Retaining walls, etc.
- Deck to house, roof to house, walls-porch to house.





# ADDITIONAL SITE PLAN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LOTS SERVICED BY SEPTIC TANKS AND/OR WELLS

## 1. Septic System Permit Application Requirements

The items below are required to be submitted with septic system construction permit applications as per the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulations Governing Sewage, Wastewater, and Sanitation (S.W.S.). If you have any questions regarding these requirements, or for information on well applications, please contact Environmental Health Services at 328-2434.

- Diagram to scale the location of all proposed or existing on-site sewage disposal system components; including location, length, depth, and width of disposal trenches, location and size of septic tank and a delineated area for future replacement of disposal trench(es). Distances to any part of the septic system shall be shown to the closest property line, and the location thereof shall also be established relative to the building it serves.
- Diagram to scale all areas subject to vehicular traffic, material storage or large animal habitation.
- Show the location of on-site well with dimensions to the nearest two property lines and to all components of septic systems on site.
- Diagram and locate to the nearest property lines to any percolation hole or test trench(s) on the property.
- Diagram the distance to any available sewer system within 400 feet of property line. (If none, so indicate).
- Indicate the number of bedrooms in the proposed residence.
- Show existing and proposed ground slope of the on-site sewage disposal system area at contour intervals of not more than two feet.
- Diagram the location of water supply line.
- Locate and diagram all septic systems and private wells within 100 feet of site property line. (If none, so indicate). Show any public well within 200 feet of site property line. (If none, so indicate).
- A construction permit for a new on-site sewage disposal system shall only be issued in conjunction with a building permit application for the building it serves. A building permit application is not required to obtain a construction permit to repair an existing on-site sewage disposal system.

