

PERMIT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

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This handout describes the minimum submittal requirements for a new single-family residential structure. In certain situations, additional materials may be required. For a complete description of the required items listed, please see the "Required Details for a Building Permit Submittal" handout. All work must meet the minimum requirements of the City of Menlo Park municipal code.

Plans shall be drawn to a scale of 1/4 inch per foot or larger and shall be printed or drawn on white paper. Individual plan sheets no smaller than 24 inches x 36 inches but not to exceed 34 inches x 44 inches in size. All copies shall be "wet signed" by the appropriate architect, designer, and/or engineer (i.e., original signature and stamp is required on each copied sheet).

Applicants are encouraged to have plans drawn by a professional architect or designer familiar with Menlo Park's building permit process. This will facilitate a timely review of the project plans. If the owner wishes to complete the plans on his/her own, then it is suggested that he/she contact the Building Division to ensure that all information is prepared properly. It is to the applicant's advantage to submit legible and clear plans. Plans that cannot be read or understood will not be accepted. This may result in a delay of the plan review process and may cause additional costs to the applicant.

If a project has received a use permit or variance from the City of Menlo Park Planning Division, the applicant is strongly encouraged to provide written documentation demonstrating compliance with all of the conditions associated with the project.

Submittal requirements

- Five (5) - full size sets of plans
- Five (5) - 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch copies of the site plan and elevations
- One (1) - completed copy of the City of Menlo Park's "Data Sheet for Building Permit Application"
- One (1) - completed copy of the City of Menlo Park's permit application are required for submittal

Plan sets

A complete set of plan includes the following:

- Lot plan
- Topographic survey
- Demolition plan
- Floor plan
- Grading and drainage plan*
- California Green Building Standards Code Compliance imprinted on plans
- Water efficient landscape plans*
- Roof plan
- Exterior elevations
- Building sections
- Structural plan
- Mechanical plan
- Electrical plan
- Plumbing plan

*See engineering guidelines for single-family homes to determine requirements

Other required documents

Other required documents relating to building submittal:

- Three (3) copies of the structural engineer's calculations
- Two (2) copies of the Title 24 energy calculations
- Three (3) copies of a soils report

- Two (2) copies of an arborist report will be required if there are heritage trees in vicinity of the proposed construction
- Federal Emergency Management Agency substantial improvement determination worksheet, if the project is located in flood zones A, AE, AH, AO

Menlo Park Fire Protection District

Depending on the scope of work for proposed residential projects, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District may require submittal for a permit, plan review and inspection. Please contact them directly for submittal and inspection information at menlofire.org or at 650-688-8400.

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District is a separate and independent entity from the City of Menlo Park. It is the responsibility of the applicant or applicant's representative to coordinate the submittal, review, approval and inspection for Fire Code related work with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. Please be aware, a building permit from the City of Menlo Park will not be issued until the Menlo Park Fire Protection District has approved the project if they require a permit.