# RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

The following must be submitted to the City of Centralia Community Development Department:
- Completed Building Application
- Completed Building Permit Checklist with all applicable data

**NOTE:** The City of Centralia **DOES NOT** issue electrical permits or perform electrical inspections. Please contact the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries Electrical Safety Division at (360) 902-5269 for permit information.

- A building department representative will enter the information into our computer system and a building file with the necessary paperwork will be prepared. The Planning and Engineering Divisions will be notified and the necessary information, fee requirements and approvals will then be collected from them.
- The permit application and plans are then reviewed by our Building Division to make sure all of the information is accurate and meets specific code requirements.
- Upon completion of the plan review, the Building Division compiles a correction list and returns it to a building department representative who will then total all fees and call the contact person listed on the application to inform them that the permit is ready to issue.
- Upon arrival of the person who will be paying for and picking up the permit, the building department representative will complete the process by collecting the remainder of the fees (including utility fees), printing receipts and the final permit itself.

## Contact Information:

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<td>(360) 330-7662</td>
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<td>Centralia’s 24-hour Bldg Inspection</td>
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<td>Lewis County Environmental Health</td>
<td>(360) 740-7652</td>
<td>360 NW North Street</td>
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<td>Lewis County Assessor</td>
<td>(360) 748-1336</td>
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<td>Utility Underground Location Center</td>
<td>1-800-424-5555</td>
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<td>Puget Sound Energy (Gas)</td>
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RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT CHECKLIST

Please remember that all required information must be Complete and Accurate to ensure a quick and timely plan review by the different City Departments. Omission of any required information listed on this checklist will result in your application being returned to you asking for additional information. City staff is available to answer your questions please contact us at 330-7662.

Handouts should not be used as substitutes for codes and regulations. Details of every project should be reviewed for specific compliance with Federal, State, County, and City codes and regulations.

- Completed Building Permit Application
- Verifiable Contractor Registration (one of the following ways):
  - Provide the original registration card
  - Provide an original notarized copy of the original registration card
  - Current registration card is on file with the Centralia Community Development Department
- Provide three (3) copies of all Plans for
  - Community Development Department,
  - City Utilities Department,
  - Contractor
- Payment of the Plan Check Fee may be required at the time of application
- Plot Plan (site plan) submit three (3) copies; show all existing and proposed structures including setbacks, easements, wells, septic, critical areas, etc…
- Draw Building Plans to a Scale of ¼” = 1’ or Greater
- All Notations and Drawings MUST be Clear, Legible, and to Scale
- Complete the Energy Code Requirements Form
- Utilities Connection Form (if applicable)
- Right-of-way Permit (if applicable)
- Geotechnical Report: Soils Report (if applicable)
- Wetlands Report (if applicable)
- Septic System Approval: Lewis County Environmental Health Department (if applicable)
- Fire Sprinkler Permit (if applicable)
- Structural Engineer Report (if requested)

FOUNDATION PLANS

- Show Foundation Layout and Size
- Show all Walls and Piers
- Provide Sectional Detail of Foundation
- Show location of pour in place Hold Downs and Shear Walls

FLOOR PLANS

- Show all Room Sizes
- Size and Location of all Windows and Doors
- Label all Rooms as to Proposed Use
- Show Size and Spacing of Floor Joists
- Provide Sectional details of Walls
- Show all Braced Wall Panels
- Show location of all Hold Downs and Size of Hold Downs

ROOF PLANS

- Show Sizes and Spacing of all Rafters
- Show Location of Chimneys and/or Skylights (if applicable)
- Indicate Roof Slope and Covering Material

PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS

- Show Location of all proposed Plumbing Fixtures
- Provide a Plumbing riser Diagram
- Provide County Environmental Health Department Approval for Septic System (if applicable)
## ENERGY CODE REQUIREMENTS

- Provide Sectional Detail of the Foundation
- Complete the required Washington State Energy Code Form; to obtain a copy of the form come to the City or go to [http://www.energy.wsu.edu/code/code_support_2003.cfm](http://www.energy.wsu.edu/code/code_support_2003.cfm)

## ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS

ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS are often overlooked by homeowners or contractors, when considering requirements and costs involved in constructing new structures. City Staff does not provide construction cost estimates nor design your projects. Before securing financing, be sure you have included all costs associated with your project. Your design engineer can assist you.

### EROSION CONTROL

- Erosion control measures are required for all activities that result in clearing and grading of a site
- Care shall be taken to prevent migration of soil to off-site properties. Tracking of soil off-site, including the City’s Right-of-Way, will not be allowed
- A field pre-construction meeting can be arranged by contacting the Community Development Department. City Engineering can assist in determining the minimum erosion control measures for a particular site
- Prior to the placement of the foundation, all erosion control devices shall be in place and approved by the City Engineering
- If the property is over 1-acre in size you must have a Certified Erosion & Sediment Control Lead as per WSDOE

### RESIDENTIAL STORM WATER RETENTION MINIMUM STANDARD

In order to be in compliance with the requirements of State Mandated Storm Drainage, the following shall be the policy of the City of Centralia for all residences.

- Run-off from residential structures or impervious surfaces of less than 5,000 square feet which do not meet the requirements of the Washington State Storm Drainage Manual must be retained on-site (or be approved by the City Engineer)
- Infiltration trench location and design is required as part of the site plan submitted with the application for a building permit.
- Infiltration trenches, in general, shall be four (4) feet deep, and backfilled with three (3) feet of washed rock and one (1) foot of top soil.
- The size of the trench (including soil cover) will need to be 10-feet in length by 4-feet wide and 4-feet deep per 1,500 square feet of roof area. The trench design maybe modified to allow for additional roof rainfall but must be approved by the Building Official.
- To extend the useful life of the system, infiltration trenches shall be lined with filter fabric on all sides, top and bottom, and be equipped with cleanout sumps to collect leaves, needles, roof grit and other debris.
- Trenches must have a four (4) inch perforated pipe, placed in the upper portion of the rock fill, extending the length of the trench, connecting to the pipe coming from the roof drainage system
- Inspection of infiltration trenches will be made by Building Division staff upon request by the contractor or his representative and approval must be granted prior to covering with topsoil
- Detailed drawings and requirements for the system is attached as part of the packet

### RESIDENTIAL STORM WATER RETENTION MODIFICATIONS

The City will consider modifying the drywell requirements on a case-by-case basis. Modifications may be approved in cases where a less costly alternative will provide similar environmental benefits (such as surface storage), where a residential lot is relatively large (over 10,000 square feet) and flat, or where construction of a drywell is infeasible due to soil, ground water or lot coverage constraints. Please contact the Building Department at: 330-7662 for questions.

### NOTICE TO PERMIT HOLDERS – FINAL INSPECTIONS

**Final Inspection:** before calling for your final building inspection you must have final inspection and approval from the following agencies:

1. Electrical: State of Washington (L&I) (if applicable)
2. City of Centralia Building Department
3. Fire Department (if applicable)
4. City Engineering Department (if applicable)

Please allow at least three (3) working days for the final inspections process.