CITY OF BESSEMER

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONS AND/OR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES MUST BE ACCOMPANYED BY SIX (6) SETS OF PLANS (DRAWING TO BE 18”X24” MINIMUM SIZE AND DRAWN TO SCALE) PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING DETAIL:

(1) PLOT PLAN

(2) FLOOR PLAN
SHOWING THE SIZE AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED ADDITION AND ALL ADJACENT AREAS OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS.

(3) TYPICAL WALL SECTION
PROVIDE A SECTION THROUGH THE BEARING WALL AREA SHOWING THE SIZE, SPACING, AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY OF THE STRUCTURE FROM THE FOOTING THROUGH THE ROOF.

(4) FRAMING PLAN
WHERE NECESSARY FRAMING INFORMATION CANNOT BE DISPLAYED ON THE OTHER DETAILS, IT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON A SEPARATE PLAN.

A COMPACTION TEST IS REQUIRED WHENEVER FILL IS IN PLACE.

A SOIL EROSION/STORM WATER PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED.

IN ADDITION TO THE BUILDING PERMIT, SEPARATE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR DEMOLITION, EXCAVATION, PLUMBING, GAS, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, SIGNS, STORM WATER, ELEVATOR, FIRE ALARM, PAINT BOOTH AND FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM INSTALLATIONS, ETC.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

BUILDING INSPECTION
1. FOOTING OR FOUNDATION
2. SLAB
3. FRAMING PRIOR TO COVER
4. ABOVE CEILING
5. FINAL INSPECTION

PLUMBING INSPECTION
1. PLUMBING SLAB
2. ROUGH DRAIN AND VENT
3. ROUGH SUPPLY IN BLDG
4. WATER SERVICE
5. FINAL INSPECTION

MECHANICAL INSPECTION
1. UNDER SLAB
2. ROUGH DUCTS AND WALLS
3. ABOVE CEILING
4. CONCEALED PIPE/EXHAUSTS
5. FINAL INSPECTION

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION
1. UNDERGROUND
2. UNDER SLAB
3. ROUGH WALLS AND CEILING
4. ROUGH CEILING
5. FINAL INSPECTION

GAS INSPECTION
1. ROUGH VENTS AND PIPING
2. GAS PIPING PRESSURE TEST
3. ABOVE CEILING
4. LOG LIGHTER
5. FINAL INSPECTION

FIRE INSPECTION
1. FIRE ALARM
2. SPRINKLER SYSTEM
3. HOOD AND DUCTS
4. ABOVE CEILING
5. FINAL INSPECTION
THE CITY OF BESSEMER ENFORCES THE FOLLOWING CODES, IN ADDITION TO LOCAL ORDINANCES:

- 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE GROUP, INCLUDING:
  INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE
  INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE
  INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE
  INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE
  INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE
- 2015 NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE
- 2011 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION WITH YOUR PLANS:

1. FOR SANITARY SEWERS, APPROVAL FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
2. FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS, APPROVAL FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3. STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OR MUNICIPALITY ACCESS APPROVAL
4. SIX (6) SETS OF PLANS ARE REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS
5. SIX (6) SETS OF PLANS ARE REQUIRED FOR A TENANT BUILD-OUT
6. COPY OF HOMEBUILDERS LICENSE OR GENERAL CONTRACTORS LICENSE

PLEASE ALLOW TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS FOR PLAN REVIEW

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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