ONE-STOP'S
PERMIT INFORMATION PACKAGE
FOR
RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

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INTRODUCTION
The Residential One-Stop Guideline lists the various requirements for plan submittal and review of residential construction projects.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
All projects reviewed by this section shall have the following items prior to review:
- **Application.** A completed “Residential Building Permit Application” (yellow application).
- **Deed Restriction Affidavit.** The affidavit must be signed by the owner and notarized.
- **Project Number.** A project number assigned by the Permits Section.
- **Plans.** Two sets of plans shall be drawn to scale and clearly labeled with dimensions.

Important Notes:
- Properties located in the floodplain are required to obtain approval from the Flood Plain Section on all projects.
- It is imperative that you verify if there are any deed restrictions in your subdivision. Permits may be revoked for deed restriction violations.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS BY PROJECT TYPE

### ADDITIONS
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NEW GARAGES/CARPORTS/STORAGES OVER 120 SQ. FT.  
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| Other Reviews Required |  |
|------------------------|-----------------
| ☑ Planning             | ☑ Taps & Meters |
| ☐ Traffic              | ☐ Storm         |

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☐ Calculation of Impervious Percentage (Form 1207) - For lots less than 15,000 sq. ft. to determine whether lot has 75% or more of impervious cover.

☐ Complete plans including the following items:
  - Texas registered survey or complete site plan showing existing property lines, easements, building setback lines, and the location of the residence and proposed garage/carport.
  - Foundation plans if addition requires additional foundation, dimensions shall include beams and steel bars, and foundation conditions should be noted on plans. (Professional Engineer designed plans may be required for concrete slabs)
  - If block and base, indicate the size, spacing, grade, and species of floor joists.
  - Floor plan that includes the addition and footprint of the existing building showing in detail the adjacent areas of the existing building, with use of each room labeled, and the location of partitions, windows and doors identified.
  - Door and window schedule or plan with all dimensions clearly indicated.
  - Roofing and Framing plans indicating size, spacing, grade, and species of ceiling joists and rafters, and if required, the location of purlins. (Professional Engineer designed plans may be required)
  - Wall section details indicating size, spacing, grade, and species of studs to determine the method of bracing.
  - Plans shall indicate materials used.

GARAGES CONVERSIONS  
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| Other Reviews Required |  |
|------------------------|-----------------
| ☑ Planning             | ☑ Taps & Meters |
| ☐ Traffic              | ☐ Storm         |

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☐ Complete plans including the following items:
  - Texas registered survey or complete site plan showing existing property lines, easements, building setback lines, and showing the existing building, and any other structures located on the site to determine off-street parking. (Planning)
  - Floor plan with use of each room labeled, and the location of partitions, windows and doors identified
  - Door and window schedule or plan with all dimensions clearly indicated.
  - Wall section details to determine bearing and non-load bearing walls.
  - Demolition of any load bearing walls will require additional requirements to determine direction of ceiling joists, and the location of header and beam.

FENCES  
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| Other Reviews Required |  |
|------------------------|-----------------
| ☑ Planning             | ☑ Taps & Meters |
| ☐ Traffic              | ☐ Storm         |

Fences 8 feet or less, other than masonry or concrete, do not require a building permit.

☐ Complete plans including the following items:
  - Texas Registered survey or complete site plan showing existing property lines, easements, building setback line and location of proposed fence layout to determine visibility.
  - Structural section plan designed by a Professional Engineer design is required.
  - Plans shall indicate materials for fencing and columns.
  - Show height elevation
  - Show location of gate(s) and method of operation (e.g., remote control, manual, keypad)

Note: Drilled piers are not allowed on easements.

MINOR REPAIRS (LIKE-FOR-LIKE CONST)  
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| Other Reviews Required |  |
|------------------------|-----------------
| ☐ Planning             | ☐ Taps & Meters |
| ☐ Traffic              | ☐ Storm         |

☐ Residential Repair Spec List (Form 1059)
DRIVEWAY/SIDEWALK
May be reviewed at One-Stop, if review time ≤ 30 min

☐ Sidewalk-Driveway Curb & Gutter-Culvert Parking Lot Permit Application (Form 1023).
☐ Texas Registered survey or complete site plan indicating existing property lines, easements, building setback line, and showing the proposed driveway, curbs and/or sidewalk location and layout.

Notes:
- Only a bonded contractor will be able to purchase this permit.
- The homeowner may purchase the permit when curb cut is not involved.

CULVERTS
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☐ Sidewalk-Driveway Curb & Gutter-Culvert Parking Lot Permit Application (Form 1023)
☐ Site plan indicating location and width of driveway.

Note:
- Must be a minimum of 24” diameter and not less than the nearest upstream culvert pipe.
- Only the homeowner or a bonded contractor may purchase this permit.

CONTACT INFORMATION
One-Stop Plan Review Section

Hours: 8:00 am – 3:45 pm

Phone Number: (832) 394-8820

Location: 1002 Washington Ave. 3rd Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

Other Important Phone Numbers
Customer Assistance and Code Development Office ....................................................... (832) 394-9000
Development Services (Planning) ......................................................................................... (832) 394-8849
Flood Plain Section .............................................................................................................. (832) 394-8854
Traffic & Transportation ................................................................................................ (832) 394-8851
Taps & Meters ................................................................................................................. (832) 394-8888
Storm Plan Review ........................................................................................................... (832) 394-8810
Structural Inspections ...................................................................................................... (832) 394-8840
COH Deed Restrictions Hotline (Complaints) ................................................................. (832) 393-6333
Harris County Clerk - Deed Restrictions ........................................................................ (713) 755-6405
201 Caroline 3rd Floor
Houston, TX 77002
Follow the corresponding steps below to obtain a building permit for your specific residential project.

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| Additions, New Garages, New Carports, Garage Conversions, Detached Storage Buildings (Over 120 sq. ft.) | 1. Complete the Residential Building Permit Application and the appropriate Deed Restriction Affidavit.  
2. Obtain a project number and have the affidavit notarized by the Permits Section.  
3. Proceed to the Development Services (Planning) Section for their review.  
4. Proceed to the Flood Management Office if the property is located in the floodplain.  
5. Proceed to the Taps & Meters Section for their review if plumbing work is involved.  
6. Proceed to the One-Stop Section for plan review, if the project does not required detention.  
   **OR**  
   Submit the plans at the Permits Section for storm review, if the project requires detention. |
| Remodels                         | 1. Complete the Residential Building Permit Application and the appropriate Deed Restriction Affidavit.  
2. Obtain a project number and have the affidavit notarized by the Permits Section.  
3. Proceed to the Taps & Meters Section for their review (if there is plumbing work involved).  
4. Proceed to the One-Stop Section for plan review. |
| Repairs                          | 1. Complete the Residential Building Permit Application and the Residential Repair Spec List (Form CE-1059)  
2. Obtain a project number from the Permits Section.  
3. Proceed to the One-Stop Section for review. |
| Fences                           | 1. Complete the Residential Building Permit Application and the appropriate Deed Restriction Affidavit.  
2. Obtain a project number and have the affidavit notarized by the Permits Section.  
3. Proceed to the Development Services (Planning) for their review. (If the fence will be located in front of property).  
4. Proceed to the One-Stop Section for plan review. |
| Driveways/Sidewalks/Culverts     | 1. Complete the Sidewalk-Driveway Curb & Gutter Culvert Parking Lot Permit Application (Form CE-1023)  
2. Obtain a project number from the Permits Section.  
3. Proceed to the Traffic & Transportation Section for review.  
4. Proceed to the One-Stop Section for plan review. |
This policy is an acceptable alternate as per Section 104.11 of the Building Code and shall apply to conventional light-frame construction designed with girders and supported on blocks and bases in such a manner that the building can be easily leveled any time after the full load has been applied.

1. All loose material and vegetation must be removed to ensure solid bearing beneath bases.
2. Bases may be supported on previously paved areas such as parking lots.
3. End joints of girders shall occur over supports.
4. Minimum thickness of concrete bases shall be 4 inches.
5. The minimum width of the structure shall not be less than the overall height.
6. Girders shall not be placed further than the depth of the joist from the exterior wall.

Approved:

Gary Bridges, Building Official
REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEER SEALS

The Texas Engineering Practice Act, Section 1001.402, states that a public official of this state, or of a political subdivision of this state, who is responsible for enforcing laws, ordinances, codes or regulations that affect the practice of engineering may accept plans, specifications and other related documents only if those plans, specifications and other related documents were prepared by registered professional engineers, as evidenced by the seal of the engineer.

Section 1001.056 exempts the following from the provisions of the Act:

1. Any private dwelling, one story apartment buildings not exceeding eight units, two story apartment buildings not exceeding four units, garages or other structures pertinent to such buildings;

2. Private buildings used exclusively for farm, ranch or agricultural purposes, or used exclusively for storage of raw agricultural commodities; or

3. Other one story buildings, except public buildings, containing no clear span greater than 24 feet and having a floor area of 5000 square feet or less.

Section 1001.053 exempts the following public works from the provisions of the Act:

1. A public work that involves electrical or mechanical engineering, if the contemplated expense for the completed project is $8000.00 or less.

2. A public work that does not involve electrical or mechanical engineering, if the contemplated expense for the completed project is $20,000.00 or less.

Plans submitted for permits will require engineer seals in accordance with state law unless specifically exempt.

The Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas has determined that the design of air conditioning systems that licensed air conditioning contractors are permitted to perform under the Air Conditioning Contractor License Law (Article 8861 of V.T.C.S), serves as an exception to the Engineering Practice Act (Article 3271a of V.T.C.S.).

Similarly, the design of electrical and plumbing systems that licensed electrical and plumbing contractors are permitted to perform serves as an exception to the Engineering Practice Act.
CONSTRUCTION NOTES:
1. All slabs shall be reinforced with #6 web wire mesh 6"x6" min.
2. All house slabs shall have a 6 mil vapor barrier using poly or other approved material.
3. All slabs shall be a minimum of 4" thick with a 4" sand cushion.
4. Concrete shall have a minimum of 2500 psi in 28 days.
5. Steel shall be covered with 2" of concrete.
6. Stirrups to be #3 rebar @ 18" O.C.
7. Shear reinforcing at intersection of slab and all beams to be #4 rebar, 5' long, 5' on center.
8. Steel shall be covered with 3" of concrete.
9. Interior beams every 20 linear ft. or under bearing partition.
10. 1/2" anchor bolts, 10" long. Extend a minimum of 7" into concrete.

FIGURE R403.1.9
(Not To Scale)
APPENDIX L

CONVENTIONAL LIGHT-FRAME WOOD CONSTRUCTION FOR HIGH-WIND AREAS

SECTION AL101
GENERAL

AL101.1 Scope. This chapter applies to regular-shaped buildings that are not more than three stories in height and are of conventional light-frame construction.

EXCEPTION: Detached carports and garages not exceeding 700 square feet (65 m²) and accessory to Group R, Division 3 Occupancies need only comply with the roof-member-to-wall-tie requirements of Section AL103.8.

SECTION AL102
DEFINITION

CORROSION RESISTANT or NONCORROSIVE is material having a corrosion resistance equal to or greater than a hot-dipped galvanized coating of 1.5 ounces of zinc per square foot of surface area. When an element is required to be corrosion resistant or noncorrosive, all of its parts, such as screws, nails, wire, dowels, bolts, nuts, washers, shims, anchors, ties and attachments, shall also be corrosion resistant or noncorrosive.

SECTION AL103
COMPLETE LOAD PATH AND UPLIFT TIES

AL103.1 General. Blocking, bridging, straps, approved framing anchors or mechanical fasteners shall be installed to provide continuous ties from the roof to the foundation system.

Tie straps shall be 1 1/8-inch (28.6 mm) by 0.036-inch (0.91 mm) (No. 20 gage) sheet steel and shall be corrosion resistant as herein specified. All metal connectors and fasteners used in exposed locations or in areas otherwise subject to corrosion shall be of corrosion-resistant or noncorrosive material.

The number of common nails specified is the total required and shall be equally divided on each side of the connection. Nails shall be spaced to avoid splitting of the wood.

EXCEPTION: Pre-manufactured connectors that provide equal or greater tie-down capacity may be used provided that they comply with all the manufacturer’s specifications.

AL103.2 Wall-to-foundation tie. Exterior walls shall be tied to a continuous foundation system or an elevated foundation system in accordance with Section AL105.

AL103.3 Sills and foundation tie. Foundation plates resting on concrete or masonry foundations shall be bolted to the foundation with not less than 1/2-inch-diameter (13mm) anchor bolts with 7-inch-minimum (178 mm) embedment into the foundation and spaced not more than 6 feet (1829 mm) on center.

AL103.4 Floor-to-foundation tie. The lowest-level exterior wall studs shall be connected to the foundation sill plate or an approved elevated foundation system with bent tie straps spaced not more than 48 inches (1219 mm) on center. Tie straps shall be nailed with a minimum of 4 ten penny nails.

AL103.5 Wall framing details. The spacing of studs in exterior walls shall be in accordance with Chapter 6.

Mechanical fasteners complying with this chapter shall be installed at a maximum of 48 inches (1219 mm) on center as required to connect studs to the sole plates, foundation sill plate and top plates of the wall. The fasteners shall be nailed with a minimum of 8 eight penny nails.
Where openings exceed 4 feet (1219 mm) in width, the required tie straps shall be at each edge of the opening and connected to a doubled full-height wall stud. When openings exceed 12 feet (3658 mm) in width, two ties at each connection or a manufactured fastener designed to prevent uplift shall be provided.

**AL103.6 Wall sheathing.** All exterior walls and required interior main cross-stud partitions shall be sheathed in accordance with Chapter 7.

**AL103.7 Floor-to-floor tie.** Upper-level exterior wall studs shall be aligned and connected to the wall studs below with tie straps placed a minimum of 48 inches (1219) on center and connected with a minimum of 6 eight penny nails per strap.

**AL103.8 Roof-members-to-wall tie.** Tie straps shall be provided from the side of the roof-framing member to the supporting members below the roof. Tie straps shall be placed no further apart than every other roof-framing member and connected with a minimum of 8 eight penny nails.

**AL103.9 Ridge ties.** Opposing common rafters shall be aligned at the ridge and be connected at the rafters with tie straps spaced a maximum of 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and connected with 8 eight penny nails.

**AL103.10 Gable-end walls.** Gable-end wall studs shall be continuous between points of lateral support which are perpendicular to the plane of the wall. Gable-end wall studs shall be attached with approved mechanical fasteners at the top and bottom. Eight 8 penny nails shall be required for each fastener. Fasteners shall be spaced a maximum of 48 inches (1219 mm) on center.

### SECTION AL104
**ROOFS**

**AL104.1 Roof sheathing.** Solid roof sheathing shall be applied and shall consist of a minimum 1-inch-thick (25.4 mm) nominal lumber applied diagonally or a minimum 15/32-inch-thick (11.9 mm) wood structural panel or particle board (OSB) or other approved sheathing applied with the long dimension perpendicular to supporting rafters. Sheathing shall be nailed to roof framing in an approved manner. The end joints of wood structural panels or particle board shall be staggered and shall occur over blocking, rafters or other supports.

**AL104.2 Roof covering.** Roof coverings shall be approved and shall be installed and fastened in accordance with Chapter 9 and with the manufacturer's instructions.

**AL104.3 Roof overhang.** The roof eave overhang shall not exceed 3 feet (914 mm) unless an analysis is provided showing that the required resistance is provided to prevent uplift.

The roof overhang at gabled ends shall not exceed 2 feet (610 mm) unless an analysis showing that the required resistance to prevent uplift is provided.

### SECTION AL105
**ELEVATED FOUNDATION**

**AL105.1 General.** When approved, elevated foundations supporting not more than one story and meeting the provisions of this section may be used. A foundation investigation may be required by the building official.

**AL105.2 Material.** All exposed wood-framing members shall be treated wood. All metal connectors and fasteners used in exposed locations shall be corrosion-resistant or noncorrosive steel.

**AL105.3 Wood piles.** The spacing of wood piles shall not exceed 8 feet (2438 mm) on center. Square piles shall not be less than 10 inches (254 mm) and tapered piles shall have a tip of not less than 8 inches (203 mm). Eight-inch-square (51613 mm²) piles shall have a minimum embedment length of 5 feet (1524 mm) and shall project not more than 8 feet (2438 mm) above undisturbed ground surface. Eight-inch (203 mm) taper piles shall have a minimum embedment length of 6 feet (1828 mm) and shall project not more than 7 feet (2134 mm) above undisturbed ground surface.

**AL105.4 Girders.** Floor girders shall be solid sawn timber, built-up 2-inch-thick (51 mm) lumber or trusses. Splices shall occur over wood piles. The floor girders shall span in the direction parallel to the potential floodwater and wave action.

**AL105.5 Connections.** Wood piles may be notched to provide a shelf for supporting the floor girders. The total notching shall not exceed 50 percent of the pile cross section. Approved bolted connections with 1/4-inch (6.4 mm) corrosion-resistant or noncorrosive steel plates and 3/4-inch-diameter (19 mm) bolts shall be provided. Each end of the girder shall be connected to the piles using a minimum of two 3/4-inch-diameter (19 mm) bolts.
RIDGE TIES
Tie straps spaced at 48” max, connected with 8-8d nails. (Section AL103.3)

ROOF MEMBERS TO WALL TIES
Tie straps spaced at every other rafter, connected with a minimum of 8-8d nails. (Section AL103.8)

FLOOR TO FLOOR TIES
Tie straps spaced at 48" max, connected with a minimum of 6-8d nails. (Section AL103.7)

FLOOR TO FOUNDATION TIES
Tie straps spaced at 48" max, connected with a minimum of 4-10d nails. (Section AL103.4)

SILL TO FOUNDATION TIES
3”x10” J-bolt spaced @ 8’ max. O.C. (Section AL103.3)

WALL FRAMING DETAILS
Mechanical fasteners shall be installed at 48” max. to connect studs to top plates, sole plates and sill plates. Fasteners shall be nailed with a minimum of 8-8d nails. (Section AL103.5)

Notes:
1. Tie straps shall be 1/2” X .036” (20 gage) sheet steel and shall be corrosion-resistant.
2. Pre-manufactured connectors that provide equal or greater tie-down capacity may be used provided that their application complies with all the manufacturer’s specifications.

CITY OF HOUSTON
Department of Public Works and Engineering

APPENDIX L ILLUSTRATION
Grading Permits are required for any excavations or fill, or combination thereof, and includes:
- **Excavation Permits** - Including work proposing the mechanical removal of earth material.
- **Fill Permits** - Including a deposit and/or relocation of earth material placed by artificial means.

**SECTION 1 Are Permits And Plans Required?**

A Grading Excavation permit & plans are required if “Yes” is answered to any question 1 through 4.

1. Does the excavation work affect the lateral support or increase the stresses in, or pressure upon any adjacent, or contiguous property?
2. When excavating below finish grade for basements and footings of a building, retaining wall or other structures authorized by a valid building permit, will there be an unsupported excavation height greater than 5 feet after completion of such structure?
3. Will there be any excavation greater than 5 feet in depth?
4. Will the excavation create a cut slope 2 feet or more in height but less than 5 feet, with a slope steeper than 1 unit vertical in 1.5 units horizontal? (66.7% slope)

A Grading Fill permit and plans are required if “Yes” is answered to any question 5 through 10.

- (50 cubic yards = 1350 sq. ft. @ 1 ft depth)
1. Does the fill work affect the lateral support or increase the stresses in, or pressure upon any adjacent, or contiguous property?
2. Does the scope of work include fill that is 3 feet or more in depth?
3. Does the scope of work include fill greater than 1 foot but less than 3 feet, with a slope that is equal to or greater than 1 unit vertical in 5 units horizontal? (20% slope)
4. Does the scope of work include fill that is greater than 50 cubic yards on any one lot?
5. Does the proposed fill obstruct any natural and/or previously constructed drainage course?
6. Is proposed fill greater than 1 ft in depth and intended to support a structure, “now or in the future”? (5000 cubic yards = 135,000 sq. ft. @ 1 ft depth)

**SECTION 2 What Type Of Permits And Plans Are Required?**

**NOTE:** When the building official has cause to believe that geologic factors may be involved, grading will be required to conform to recommended grading, inspection, and testing by a Professional Engineer.

Engineered grading plans are required if “Yes” is answered to question 11. Plans shall be designed, sealed, signed, and dated by a professional engineer. These grading permits shall be designated as “Engineered Grading”.

A Geotechnical Report is required if “Yes” is answered to any one of questions 13, 14 or 15:

1. Will there be any cut slopes steeper than 1 unit vertical in 2 units horizontal (50% slopes)?
2. Is there any grading that requires an engineered design? (Reference Item 11 above.)
3. Does the site include any special geological features and/or considerations for any grading?

A Storm Availability Letter is required to be included with the submitted documents if “Yes” is answered to questions 16 or 17:

1. Does the scope of work to lots exceeding 15,000 sq. ft., include any new impervious cover?
2. Does the project include connection to the city’s public storm sewer system?
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| Building Type: | ☐ Single Family | ☐ Multi-family (3 stories or less) | ☐ Townhouse | ☐ Other: ______ |
| Scope of Work: | ☐ New Construction | ☐ Addition of ______ square feet | ☐ Remodel |
| Project affects: (Check all that apply) | ☐ Walls/Ceilings/Floors that separate conditioned and unconditioned space | ☐ Window/doors that separate conditioned and unconditioned space | ☐ Service Water Heating Eqpt. | ☐ Heating or Air Cond. Eqpt./Ducts | ☐ None of the items listed --- STOP. |
| The building is exempt due to: (Check all that apply) | ☐ Historical (Attach certificate) – Must comply with code provisions unless the provision will invalidate the historical designation. | ☐ Non-conditioned | ☐ Low Energy (less than 1wt/sq.ft) | ☐ Other: ____________ |

#### BUILDING ENVELOPE COMPLIANCE METHOD
(CHOSE ONLY ONE OF THE BELOW METHODS IN THIS SECTION)

**A  Window to wall method.** This requires slightly more calculation but allows up to 30% glazing.

**A1) Calculate.**

% glazing of wall area.  

\[
\text{Glazing (sq. ft.) + Wall area (sq. ft) x 100 = _______ %}
\]

**A2) Fenestration.**

Using the table, check the applicable box to indicate how glazing meets code criteria.

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<tr>
<th>Window to Wall %</th>
<th>Max. U-factor</th>
<th>Max. SHGC</th>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
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<td>.35</td>
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<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>.46</td>
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☐ All glazing meets values in table.

OR

☐ Glazing is averaged with some glazing not meeting the criteria. (Attach calculations)

**A3) Insulation.**

Using the table, indicate what R-values and type of insulation will be used.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Window to Wall Area</th>
<th>Ceiling R-Value</th>
<th>Wood Frame Wall R-Value</th>
<th>Floor R-Value</th>
<th>Crawl Space Wall R-Value</th>
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**PROPOSED VALUES**
(Use the Predominant R-Value)

R-_____ Ceiling  
R-_____ Wall  
R-_____ Floor  
R-_____ Crawlspace  

Insulation Type: ____________

**B  Conditioned Floor Area Method.** This method is an easier method, than the above but is limited to 18% glazing.

**B1) Calculate.**

% glazing of conditioned floor area.

\[
\text{Glazing (sq. ft.) + Cond. Floor Area (sq. ft) x 100 = _______ %}
\]

**B2) Insulation and Fenestration.**

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<tr>
<th>Max U-factor</th>
<th>Max. SHGC</th>
<th>Ceiling R-Value</th>
<th>Wall R-Value</th>
<th>Floor R-Value</th>
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All values shall meet or exceed the minimums provided by this table when showing compliance with this method.

Indicate insulation type: ____________

#### GENERAL PRESCRIPTIVE REQUIREMENTS

**Radiant Barrier**

☐ No  ☐ Yes - Ceiling insulation may be reduced to R-19 from R-30 when using an approved radiant barrier when using method A above.

**HVAC**

Equipment Type: ____________  
SEER: ____________  
**Duct insulation shall be R-8 in attics and R-6 otherwise. Except: Ducts located inside conditioned space.**
FOR USE ON SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS OF 15,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA OR LESS

Single Family Residential lots of 15,000 square feet in area or less with Percent Impervious less than or equal to 75% do not need to provide stormwater detention. This form is a tool to assist customers in determining the amount of impervious area as a percentage on lots 15,000 square feet or less.

**CALCULATION OF IMPERVIOUS PERCENTAGE**

Project Number: ___________ Address: _______________________

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<tr>
<th><strong>CALCULATION OF IMPERVIOUS AREA PERCENTAGE</strong></th>
<th><strong>SQUARE FEET</strong></th>
<th><strong>ACRES</strong>  (Sq. Ft. ÷ 43560 = Acres)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENTER THE VALUE OF EACH IMPERVIOUS AREA:</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Existing house (including home on block and base/pier and beam)</td>
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<td>2. Detached garage/carport</td>
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<td>3. Accessory structures</td>
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<td>4. Driveway/sidewalk</td>
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<td>5. Swimming Pool and deck</td>
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<td>6. New addition/structure</td>
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<td>7. Others</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. Total area of impervious cover</td>
<td>sq. ft.</td>
<td>acres</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENTER THE LOT AREA:</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>B. Area of lot</td>
<td>sq. ft.</td>
<td>acres</td>
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<td>C. Percentage impervious area: (A ÷ B) X 100 = __________%</td>
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If > 75%, detention volume rate of 0.20 cubic feet per square foot of impervious cover is required.

This diagram is to identify various items considered impervious.

Surfaces with materials such as pea gravel, permeable pavers or permeable concrete are not considered as impervious.