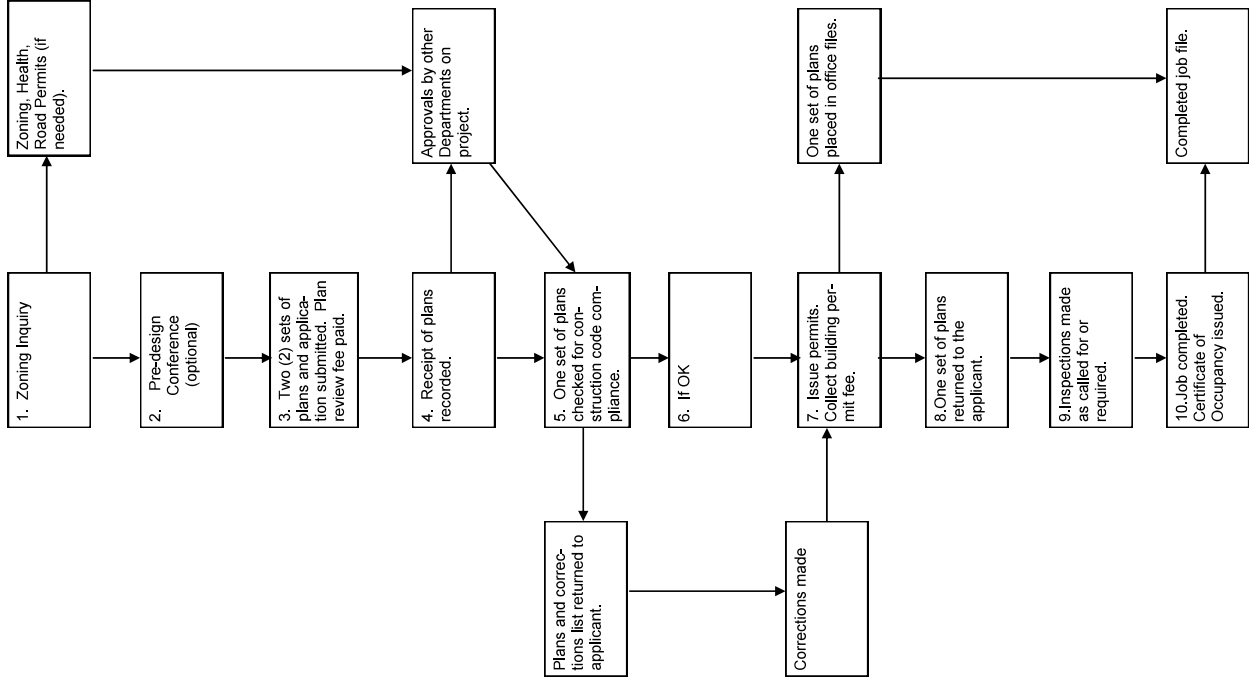


10 Steps to Obtain and Complete a Building Permit



Information & Criteria

Jurisdiction:

All of unincorporated Whitman County. On the back of this pamphlet is a list of cities and their office numbers which provide their own building inspections.

Design Criteria:

Snow Load: 30# ground
 Wind Load: 85 miles per hour gust
 Seismic Zone: B
 Exposure: C
 Frost Depth: 32 inches

Soil Bearing Value: 1,500 pounds per square foot is acceptable throughout the county. Designs incorporating higher values are acceptable when accompanied by a soils report prepared by a professional soils engineer.

Detached monolithic slabs with a 12" bearing surface are acceptable for wood frame, U-1 buildings up to 1,000 square feet where the length to width ratio does not exceed two to one. Contact the building department for more specific details on monolithic pours. Attached monolithic slabs are the same as detached, except the bearing must extend below frost line.

A stamped truss design by an engineer or architect (licensed in the State of Washington) is required for all trusses. Homemade trusses are permitted if inspected and documented by an engineer or architect after assembly and prior to erection.

Code References:

2009 International Building / Residential Code
 2009 International Fire Code
 2009 International Mechanical Code
 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code
 Washington State Energy Code
 Ventilation Indoor Air Quality Code

Other Agencies

Whitman County:

Courthouse.....397-4622
 Health Department.....397-6280
 Planning.....397-5211

Electrical Inspections:

Dept. of Labor & Industries
 1250 Bishop Blvd. SE Suite G
 P O Box 847
 Pullman, WA 99163-0847
 (509) 332-8576
 1-800-509-0025

Mobile Home Alterations/Contractor Registration/Plumber Certification:

Dept. of Labor & Industries
 1250 Bishop Blvd. SE Suite G
 P O Box 847
 Pullman, WA 99163-0847
 (509) 332-8576
 1-800-509-0025

City Building Inspectors:

Albion.....332-5095
 Colfax.....397-3861
 Colton.....229-3887
 Endicott.....657-3411
 Farmington.....287-2500
 Garfield.....635-1604
 LaCrosse.....549-3330
 Lamont.....397-5653
 Malden.....569-3771
 Oakesdale.....285-4020
 Palouse.....878-1811
 Pullman.....334-4555
 Rosalia.....526-5991
 St. John.....648-3905
 Tekoa.....284-3861
 Uniontown.....229-3805



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