

FINISH BASEMENT HANDOUT

CHECK LIST:

 One completed building permit application form, including site address, owner's name, and daytime phone number. The permit shall also include the type of work, square footage, estimated valuation of complete project, and applicant's signature and printed name.
 Two copies of floor plans showing proposed layout and materials. Plans shall be drawn to scale.

The floor plans shall also show the following:

- 1. Signed, completed Building Permit application form.
- 2. Two (2) copies of plans showing proposed layout and materials. Plans shall be drawn to scale and shall include the following information:
 - A. A flooring plan indication:
 - Location of lower level or basement exterior walls.
 - Location of all existing and proposed interior walls of lower level or basement
 - Name of each existing and proposed room.
 - Location and sizes of windows and doors.
 - Location of existing or proposed plumbing fixtures; furnace and water heater.
 - Location of stairway, fireplaces, etc.
 - Location of smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors.
 - Wall, floor and ceiling finish materials.
 - Existing and proposed insulation, vapor barrier and moisture barrier.
 - B. Attached are examples of drawings which are intended as a guide only.

The cross section plan shall show the following:

- 1. Proposed finished ceiling height
- 2. Wall, floor and ceiling finish materials
- 3. Existing and proposed insulation and vapor barrier



GENERAL CODE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Bottom plates of proposed walls shall be of approved treated wood.
- 2. Properly sized beams and headers must be used in structural bearing conditions.
- 3. Specify intended sizes of such beams and headers on plans.
- 4. Open side(s) of stairways more than 30" above the floor shall be provided with a guardrail having intermediate rails spaced less than 4" apart.
- 5. Enclosed usable space under stairs must be protected on the underside and wood framing including walls and ceiling with $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick gypsum wallboard (sheetrock).
- 6. A smoke detector shall be installed in all bedrooms and hallway giving access to the bedrooms. These detectors shall be interconnected.
- 7. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed within in 10 feet of any sleeping area.
- 8. Each bedroom and basement or finished area shall be provided with an escape or rescue window having:
 - a. A minimum net clear openable area of not less than 5.0 square feet for grade floor openings.
 - b. A minimum net clear openable area of 5.7 square feet for any openings other than grade floor.
 - c. A minimum net clear opening height dimension of 24 inches.
 - d. A minimum net clear opening width dimension of 20 inches.
 - e. A finished sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor.
- 9. Foam plastic (rigid) insulation shall be protected on a the interior by not less than ½" thick gypsum board.
- 10. Fiberglass insulation must be covered on the interior by not less than a 4 mil thick fire retardant vapor barrier.
- 11. Exposed insulation shall be covered with a 4 mil poly fire retardant barrier.
- 12. A separation from the exterior foundation wall and fiberglass insulation is required (e.g. protective coating such as rigid foam or provide a minimum 1" space from wall).
- 13. Each water closet stool shall be a 1.6 gallon flush volume and shall be located in a clear space not less than 30 inches in width and have a clear space in front of the water closet stool of not less than 24 inches.
- 14. Each bathroom shall be provided with an openable window or a power exhaust fan which vents to the exterior. Insulated duct or sleeve required on vent pipe for a distance of 3 feet from the exterior.



15. The minimum permitted ceiling height in habitable rooms (meaning finished family rooms and bedrooms) is 7 feet.

Exception:

- a. Beams and girders spaced not less than 4'on center may project not more than 6" below the required ceiling height.
- b. Not more than 50% of the required floor area of a room or space is permitted to have a sloped ceiling less than 7' in height with no portion of the required floor area less than 5' in height.
- 16. Furnace shall have an unobstructed working space of not less than 30" in front and shall be provided with outside combustion air. Furnaces may not be accessed through, or located in a bedroom, bathroom or storage closet.
- 17. Compression fittings are not approved in gas piping applications. Flared gas fittings are not allowed in concealed spaces. Nail plates must be installed to protect all gas piping and plumbing work.
- 18. A maximum of 3 plumbing fixtures allowed on a ½ inch water supply line.
- 19. Dissimilar materials must not be attached directly to each other, i.e., PVC must not be glued to ABS waste and vent.
- 20. An approved anti-scald (thermostatic or pressure-balancing type) faucet must be installed in new shower or shower/bath installations.
- 21. Mechanical ventilation shall be provided by a method of supply air and return air. The amount of supply air shall be equal to the amount of return air.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS:

- 1. **Framing/Insulation/Plumbing Rough-In/Heating Rough-In**: To be made after all framing, installation, ductwork is in place and the rough plumbing system is in place and the State Electrical Inspector has completed an electrical rough-in inspection.
- 2. **Final**: To be made when work is complete and after the Electrical Inspector has approved a final electrical inspection. For electrical inspections contact Paul Hipsag 763-241-2102.

NOTE: The above information outlines general Building Code requirements. The person applying for a permit is responsible for code compliance. Although the Building Inspectors will answer questions of a general nature, they cannot design or advise anything beyond code requirements. Questions regarding design and cost should be referred to a professional builder, contractor, architect or designer.

Please contact the Building Department if you have any questions at 763-497-3384, ext 103.



Basement Finish Information Sheet

Protect storage under

Provide combustion

A water heater must be

able to be removed with

Supply and return air

the furnace intact.

is required for all

habitable rooms.

A bathroom fan is required unless there

window. Insulate the fan

duct a minimum of 3'

Show window sizes.

from the outside of

is an openable

the house rim.

Egress window

required in each

bedroom. Egress

size: 5.7 sq. ft. of

openable area with 20" min. width and

min. height of 24".

Sill no more than

air to furnace and

clear 30" working

space in front of

furnace.

stairs on enclosed

side with 1/2"

gypsum board.

Existing home foundations, built prior to June 2009 are exempt from the MN Energy Code regulations. Applicant may choose the insulation type if any, and simply follow the manufacturer's installation instructions. (Exposed foam on walls must be covered or approved type.)

Construct all walls on treated or redwood plates. Hem-fir, Doug-fir or S-P-F plates not allowed.

Electrical outlets required every 12' along walls and 6' from door openings.

> **Dedicated GFI circuit** required in bathroom.

Carbon monoxide alarm

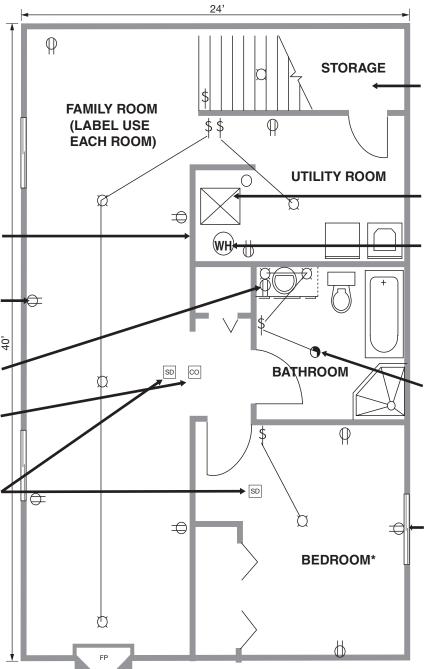
Smoke detectors:

Electronically-operated detectors in new basement finish and all bedrooms. Install battery-operated detectors in existing bedrooms and floors not equipped with smoke detectors.

Minimum ceiling height is 7' with 6'-4" allowed for projections such as beams and ducts.

> Gas-fired furnace or water heater cannot be in a bedroom, bathroom or closet.

Creation of a full kitchen in the basement of a single family home must be reviewed for conformance with zoning regulations.



* There are varying clearances to combustible materials when building next to new or existing fireplaces. Discuss with Plans Examiner when obtaining permits.

See city handout for arc fault circuit interrupters. 44" above floor.

* Arc-fault circuit breakers (AFCB) to be installed per current NEC.

Note: Electrical panels are NOT allowed in bathrooms or clothes closets.

This information is a guide to the most common questions. It is not intended, nor shall it be considered, a complete set of requirements.



BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

5959 Main Avenue NE Albertville, MN 55301

Phone: 763.497.3384 Fax 763.497.3210

Date Received	1
Date Notified	
Date Paid	
Ck, Cash, CC	
Permit #	

Business Name: Owne The Applicant is: Owne	r Contractor	Tenant		Permit	
Legal Description: PID #				Surcharge	
Addition Owner:		Lot	Block	Plan Check	
Name	Addre	SS		Engineering (site)	
City	State_	Zij	ρ	Mechanical	
Email				Fireplace (s)	
Phone (H)	(W)	(C) _		Plumbing	
Contractor:				Sewer	
Company Name		Licens	e #	Water	
Address	City		St Zip	Water Meter	
Contact Person	Email			City WAC	
Phone: (W)	(C)	(Fax)		JP WAC	
Architect:				SAC	
Name				Storm Water	
City				License Check	
E-Mail				Other	
Phone (W)	(C)	(Fax)		TOTAL	
Type of Work: New Construction Residential	Addition	Alteration	Finish Bsmt	Type of Const.	
New Construction Commercial Tenant Finish	Garage/Shed	Reside/Reroof Htg		Use of Bldg	
Description of Work:				Occupancy Group	
				Occupancy Load	
Size of Structure: Length		ı are Footage: First Floor		Zoning	
Width Height		Second Floor Basement		Code Used	
Estimated Valuation of Work: \$		Garage			klers Required?
Separate permits are required for electrical, pl that the information and materials submitted w ments and are complete and accurate to the be	ith this application are in com st of my knowledge. It is appl	pliance with City Ordina icants responsibility to lo	nce and Policy Require- cate and establish the	Yes Fire Dept.	No Date Approved
elevations, if needed, of all site improvements. professional fees and expenses associated with applicant and will be promptly paid. If paymen to be responsible.	the processing of this request	are the responsibility of	the property owner and/or	City Engineer	
Applicants Signature	Applicant	s Printed Name		Notify of Assoc & Covenant	
				Public Works	
Approved by Building Official	Value Ap	proved	Date	City Planner	
Special Conditions or Comments:					