
4113.29 Issuance of permit, plans and specifications.

- (A) The application, plans and specifications for the construction, alteration, or use of any building, structure or premises filed by an applicant for a permit shall be examined by the chief building official. Such plans shall be forwarded to other departments of the city for review through a site plan review process, if deemed necessary by the chief building official, to determine compliance with the laws and ordinances under the jurisdiction of the individual departments. These reviews include, but are not limited to, utility and stormwater management by ~~the Department of Public Utilities~~Columbus Water & Power; parking, traffic, and street encroachments by the Department of Public Service; and fire code compliance by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire. Once the chief building official is satisfied that the site plan has been approved by the chief plans official and that the work described in the application for a permit and the plans filed therewith conform to the requirements of this Building Code and other pertinent laws and ordinances, the chief building official shall issue a permit to the applicant.
- (B) The chief building official shall in no case grant any permit for the construction, alteration, or use of any building, structure or premises in the flood plain, as determined by ~~the Department of Public Utilities~~Columbus Water & Power under Chapter 1150 without a copy of the appropriate decision issued to the applicant, stating that said building, structure or premises, as proposed to be constructed, altered, or used, would not be in violation of Chapter 1150 or any rule or regulation established by ~~the Department of Public Utilities~~Columbus Water & Power to enforce Chapter 1150.
- (C) The chief building official shall in no case grant any permit for the construction, alteration, or use of any building, structure or premises without first receiving a certificate of zoning clearance stating that said building, structure, or premises as proposed to be constructed, altered, or used, would not be in violation of any zoning code provision or zoning regulation established by the department.
- (D) When the chief building official issues a permit, the chief building official shall endorse in writing or stamp the plans and specifications "APPROVED." Such approved plans and specifications from the chief building official shall be kept on the job during the time work is being carried on and all work shall be done in accordance with the approved plans, which shall not be changed without written authorization of the chief building official.

4114.505 Minimum experience qualifications for a department-issued license.

- (A) Home Improvement Limited Contractor License. The applicant for a home improvement limited contractor license in the following fields of specialization shall have a minimum of one full year of "hands-on" installation experience in that field for which a license is applied for:
 - (1) Residential roofing;
 - (2) Residential siding, windows, and doors;
 - (3) Residential wood deck installation;
 - (4) Residential basement waterproofing;
 - (5) Residential prefabricated fireplaces and wood or coal stoves;
 - (6) Residential masonry fireplaces;
 - (7) Residential fencing;
 - (8) Residential sidewalks and driveway approaches;
 - (9) Residential exterior lathing and stucco;

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- (10) Residential swimming pool and spas;
 - (11) Residential asphalt paving;
 - (12) Residential irrigation sprinkler; and/or
 - (13) Residential gypsum board installer.
- (B) "Hands-on" experience shall be characterized by the active personal involvement of the applicant in the activity directly related to the type of license for which an application was made.
- (C) Sewer, Water, or Combined Sewer/Water Contractor License. All applicants for either a sewer contractor license or a water contractor license shall demonstrate prior approval from ~~the department of public utilities~~ Columbus Water & Power in a manner as prescribed by such department.
- (D) Journeyman Plumber License. The minimum experience required for an applicant for a journeyman plumber license shall be as follows:
- (1) Have a minimum of five full years of experience in the plumbing trade installing building services plumbing systems and apparatus including potable water systems; or, completed a United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training (USDOL, BAT) certified plumbing apprenticeship program.
 - (2) Satisfactorily complete and pass, with a grade of at least 70 percent, the written examination(s) as prescribed herein. The required examinations shall be administered by an approved testing agency as identified by the chief building official and approved by the appropriate board of review. After one year from the date that a passing score was achieved on any required examination for a department-issued license, the passing score for that examination or examinations shall become invalid unless an application for licensure has been made.
 - (3) An applicant's failure to pass the required examination shall not operate to deny the applicant the right to take such examination at a future scheduled date, provided the applicant makes proper application for such later examination with the approved testing agency.
- (E) In the event there ceases to be an approved testing agency to provide the examination(s) required by Chapter 4114, the director shall immediately notify, in writing, the Skilled Trades Review Board and the journeyman plumbers of this fact. The director shall also issue a statement, in writing, of policy and procedure to be used until such time an approved testing agency has been identified by the director.
- (F) In lieu of the above requirements of division (A) above, an applicant for a home improvement limited contractor license may be:
- (1) A registered design professional who holds a current and valid certificate as an architect or engineer as allowed under the Ohio Revised Code and who is experienced in residential design and construction; or
 - (2) A graduate architect or engineer, with at least one full year's experience as a designer or installer in the specific field of work for the type of home improvement contractor license for which application is made.
- (G) In lieu of the above requirements of divisions (C) or (D), an applicant for either a sewer contractor license or a journeyman plumber license may be:
- (1) A registered professional engineer who holds a current and valid certificate issued under the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code in the specific field of work for the type of license for which application is made; or,
 - (2) A graduate engineer with at least one (1) full years' experience as a designer or installer in the specific field of work for the type of license for which application is made.

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- (H) Determination of a Full Year. A "full year" of experience shall be based on 12 calendar months during which the applicant has hand's on experience with the specific craft, trade, or profession for which an application for a department-issued license has been made.

4116.09 Remediation.

Upon the written request of the applicant, the appropriate director or designee may cause issuance of a credit or rebate of five percent of the applicable fee for plat/plan review or permit for each day beyond the service standard it takes the city staff to approve the plat/plan or issue the permit, up to 50 percent of the full fee amount. Refunds in excess of \$20,000.00 shall require city council approval. In lieu of a fee credit or rebate, the applicant may request in writing a hearing before the director when a plan has not been approved within the service standard. The director shall meet with appropriate plan reviewers and the project decision-maker within 72 hours of receiving the request for hearing and render a decision on plan disposition within 48 hours of the hearing. The director of public service or designee shall act in lieu of the director in the case of roadway engineering plans and the ~~public utilities~~Columbus Water & Power director or designee shall act in lieu of the director in the case of water or sewer engineering plans.

4123.35 Site drainage plan.

- (A) Plan Required. No person shall grade, excavate, or fill land without first submitting to the department and to the appropriate section or division of ~~the department of public utilities~~Columbus Water & Power a site drainage plan indicating the method to be used for proper drainage of surface water from the site and obtaining a permit for such plan.
- (B) Limitation on Permit Issuance. No building permit shall be issued for the erection, construction, extension, or movement of any building without an approved site drainage plan.
- (C) The site drainage plan shall be drawn at an approved scale with all elevations in feet and tenths of feet above sea level. The site drainage plan shall also conform to any approved subdivision grading plan (showing all control grades and the direction of surface water flow into approved storm drainage system) and shall indicate:
- (1) The site location;
 - (2) All street, alleys, road, and drives;
 - (3) All lot dimension, easements, utility services, and setback lines;
 - (4) Location of all structures, garages, and parking areas;
 - (5) All structures on abutting parcels that are within five feet (1524 mm) of the property line;
 - (6) The finish grade at the foundation of all structures indicated at the structures corners;
 - (7) The grade at the curb of all structures indicated at the structures corners. In the absence of a curb, the grade at the top of the pavement shall be indicated;
 - (8) The elevation at the apron of any garage structure;
 - (9) All drainage swales and drainage flow and designs of any abutting lot;
 - (10) The general, overall site drainage provided for any lot shall not be less than a negative one and one-half percent from the defined finished grade elevation(s) at the foundation of the structure as shown on the plot plan, unless otherwise approved by the chief building official.

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- (D) Drainage Flow. The site drainage plan shall provide for the effective drainage away from the house, or principal building on the lot with sufficient control so that surface water will flow into the street in front of the building, or into the drainage swale at the rear of the lot, and not into a house or other principal building on a neighboring lot, nor onto adjacent property.