



Building Department

Construction Documents/Building Plans

Construction documents should include drawings, specifications and calculations sufficient to clearly show the nature of the project in its entirety with an emphasis on life safety, means of egress, accessibility, structural integrity, code compliance, and scope of work.

Plans must be stamped by a licensed design professional. Plans may be accepted by owners or contractors if presented in a professional manner and adhering to the guidelines contained herein. Two (2) sets of construction plans and specifications (24" X 36" format) for all contemplated construction shall be provided to the Hinsdale County Building Department. Plans must indicate adherence to all County or Town codes and ordinances.

Minimum Standards for Code Submissions

Construction documents for projects consist of drawings, specifications and appropriate calculations. All elements shall complement each other. Completeness and coordination of all necessary information are the responsibility of the registered architect or professional engineer. Construction documents submitted to the building official must be of sufficient nature to clearly show the project in its entirety with emphasis on the following:

- Life safety
- Means of egress
- Barrier free accessibility
- Structural integrity
- Building code compliance
- Definition of scope of work

The required construction documents will depend upon the size, nature and complexity of the project.

Cover Sheet

- Project identification
- Project address and a location map
- All licensed architects and engineers identified
- The licensed architect or engineer in responsible control (the professional responsible for project coordination) shall be identified. All communications should be directed through this individual.
- Design Criteria list:
 - Occupancy group
 - Type Construction classification
 - Location of property
 - Seismic risk
 - Design loads
 - Structural systems
 - Square Footage/Allowable floor area
 - Fire sprinkler systems
 - Height and number of stories
 - Occupant load
 - Land use zone

Site Plan

Show proposed new building or structure and any existing buildings or structures, all property lines with dimensions, all streets, easements and setbacks. Show all water, well, sewer, OWTS components, communication services, propane, and telephone. Electrical points of connection, proposed utility service routes and existing utilities on the site. Show all required parking, drainage and grading information. Indicate drainage inflow and outflow locations and specify areas required to be maintained for drainage purposes. A topographical survey should be provided with a benchmark elevation. Show north arrow. Show dimensions for the location and size of components delineated on the site plan.

Geotechnical Report

Provide a geotechnical report for the proposed structure at that site.

Exterior Elevations

Show each view. Show vertical dimensions and heights. Show openings and identify materials and show lateral bracing system. Show dimensions and schedules.

Foundation Plan

Show all foundations and footings. Indicate size, locations, thickness, materials and strengths, and reinforcing. Show all imbedded anchoring such as anchor bolts, hold-downs, post bases, etc. Show dimensions for the location and size of all components delineated on the foundation plan.

Floor Plans

Show all floors including basements. Show all rooms, with their use, overall dimensions and locations of all structural elements and openings. Show all doors and windows. Provide door and window schedules. Identify egress windows. Identify tempered glazing locations. All fire resistance rated assemblies, areas of refuge, egress routes, occupancy separations, fire blocking and draft stopping shall be shown. Show dimensions for the size of all rooms and the locations of other components delineated on the floor plans.

Framing Plans and Roof Framing Plans

Show all structural members, their size, methods and details of attachment, connections, location and materials for floors and roofs. Show roof plan. Show dimensions for the location and size of all components delineated on the roof plan.

Schedules

Room finishes, doors, hardware, windows, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and structural.

Addenda and Changes

It shall be the responsibility of the individual identified on the cover sheet as the licensed architect or engineer in responsible control to notify the building official of any and all changes throughout the project and provide revised construction documents, calculations or other appropriate documentation prior to commencement of that portion of the construction.

Revisions

The party submitting changes shall be identified at the beginning of the approval process. For clarity, all revisions should be identified and clouded on the construction drawings and appropriately marked in the project manual or resubmitted as a new set of construction documents.

Completeness of Documents

Construction documents for most projects consist of drawings, specifications and appropriate calculations. All elements shall complement each other. Completeness and coordination of all necessary information is the responsibility of the registered design professional.

Building Sections Wall Sections

Show materials of construction, non-rated and fire resistance rated assemblies, and fire resistance rated penetrations. Show dimensions.

Mechanical System

Show the mechanical system. Include all units, their sizes, mounting details, and all ductwork and duct sizes. Indicate all fire dampers where required. Provide equipment schedules. Submit energy conservation calculations. Show dimensions.

Plumbing System

Show all fixtures, piping, slopes, materials and sizes. Show point of connections to utilities, septic tanks, pre-treatment sewer systems and water wells. Show dimensions.

Electrical System

Show all electrical fixtures (interior, exterior and site), wiring sizes and circuiting, grounding, panel schedules, single line diagrams, load calculations and fixture schedules. Show point of connection to utility. Show dimensions.

Fire Sprinkler System

Show all sprinkler heads, piping valves, alarms, tamper switches, materials, and sizes. Show point of connection to the water system and fire alarm system. Show dimensions for the size and location of components delineated on the fire sprinkler system drawings.

Structural Systems

Show foundation, structural members and where required provide structural calculations for the structural systems of the project. Include calculations indicating compliance with seismic, wind, snow and other design loads. Completeness of the necessary calculations is the responsibility of the registered design professional.

Specifications

Prepare specifications to further define the construction components, the quality of the materials, and delineation of the materials and methods of construction, wall, floor and ceiling finishes, exterior finishes, and descriptions of all pertinent equipment. Schedules may be incorporated into the project manual in lieu of being delineated on the construction drawings.