



PRC-001

Plan Review Checklist One- and Two-Family Dwelling

INFORMATION	PROJECT NO.:		EXPIRATION DATE:		STATUS: 1st Review		
	PROJECT ADDRESS:			VALUATION: \$			
	WORK DESCRIPTION:						
	APPLICANT'S NAME:			TEL. NO.:			
	USE	OCCUPANCY GROUP	FLOOR AREA	OCCUPANT LOAD	TYPE OF CONSTR.	NO. OF STORIES	FIRE SPRINKLER
Residential	R-3			V-B			
INSTRUCTIONS	<p>Your application for a permit, together with plans and specifications, has been examined and you are advised that the issuance of a permit is withheld for the reasons hereinafter set forth. The approval of plans and specifications does not permit the violation of any sections of the Building Code or other local ordinances or state laws.</p> <p>In an effort to streamline the plan review process, please follow the steps outlined below to ensure that there is no delay in processing your application and reviewing your responses to these plan check comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All items on this checklist with circled item numbers apply to this plan review. This is not a complete list of the building comments and corrections, please see the marked plans, calculations, reports, etc. for all remaining comment items. The revised plans, reports, and calculations shall incorporate or address all comments marked on the original checked set of plans, calculations, and this plan review checklist. Provide a written response to each comment, stating where and how it has been addressed on the plans. Identify the sheet number, detail number or reference note on the revised plans where the corrections are made. When all comments on the plans, calculations, and this checklist have been addressed, resubmit the updated plans, calculations and reports via email directly to the plan reviewer listed below. <p>PLAN REVIEWER: _____ TEL. NO.: 562-570- _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: 411 W Ocean Blvd. 2nd Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802</p> <p>EMAIL: _____@longbeach.gov WEBSITE: www.longbeach.gov/lbcd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should you have any questions or need clarification pertaining to the comments made on your project, you may contact the plan check staff by email or telephone from 7:30 AM (8:30 AM Wed) to 4:30 PM (Monday - Friday) We will ensure that the appointment meeting or re-submittal of the plans for recheck will proceed as expeditiously as possible. If an impasse is reached during the appointment meeting, you may request that the plan check supervisor be summoned for a second opinion or to attempt to resolve and/or clarify the matter. Major revisions to the plans that necessitate re-examination and additional review time may be subject to re-submittal and additional plan check fees as authorized by Section 18.05.040F1 of the Long Beach Municipal Code. 						
	NOTE	<p>Numbers within the parenthesis () refer to sections of the applicable code. 2022 California Residential Code (CRC) 2022 California Building Code (CBC) 2022 California Green Building Standard Code (CALGreen) 2022 California Electric Code (CEC) 2022 California Plumbing Code (CPC) 2022 California Mechanical Code (CMC) California Energy Efficiency Standards (CEES) Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) Health and Safety Code (HSC) Table (T)</p>					



PART 1 – ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

CHAPTER 1 SCOPE AND APPLICATION

A. PERMIT APPLICATION

1. When all required approvals are obtained, the permit application must be signed by the property owner, licensed contractor, or authorized agent at the time the permit is to be issued:
 - a. For owner-builder permits: Owner’s signature can be verified with owner’s driver license. Owner’s representatives must present owner’s approval with a notarized letter from the owner.
 - b. For contractor building permits: Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the contractor shall have the following:
 - i. Certificate of workers Compensation Insurance made out to the Contractors State License Board.
 - ii. Copy of Contractors State License or pocket ID.
 - iii. Copy of city business tax registration certificate or a newly paid receipt for one.
 - iv. Notarized letter of authorization for agents.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. The Developer shall install Custom Printed Flex Mesh screen(s), along the perimeter of the development site, such as FenceScreen.com Series 311, or equivalent, fence screening, and provide for the printed graphic to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The graphics shall depict positive images of the City or other artistic concepts. Prior to submitting the graphic design for printing, the Developer shall consult with the Department of Public Works to review and approve.
2. Obtain all approvals/clearances from the following department/bureau/agency noted below. It is necessary to apply immediately for the signoff or approval as it can take weeks or months for some departments/bureaus/agencies to review and approve the project. All required approvals or clearances must be secured prior to permit issuance.

a. Planning Bureau	(562) 570-6194	g. Long Beach Unified School Dist. (562) 997-7550
b. Fire Prevention Bureau	(562) 570-7086	h. Dept of Conservation, DOGGER (714) 816-6553
c. Public Works	(562) 570-6383	i. Others _____
d. Historic Preservation	(562) 570-6194	
e. Marine Bureau	(562) 570-3215	
f. LA County Sanitation	(562) 908-4288	
3. The final set of construction documents must be stamped by the following department/bureau/agency:
 - a. Planning Bureau
 - b. Fire Prevention Bureau
 - c. Historic Preservation
 - d. Others _____
4. This project is subject to the collection of school developer fees per Education Code 17620 and Government Code section 65995. Take the “Developer Fee” letter attached to LBUSD for assessment. A valid “Certificate of Compliance” issued by LBUSD shall be presented to the Department prior to permit issuance.
5. Prior to permit issuance, under penalty of perjury, the owner or agent having the property owner’s consent shall sign a statement on the plans to the effect stating that:

“I certify that the proposed work will not destroy or unreasonably interfere with any access or utility easement belonging to others and located on my property, but in the event such work does destroy or unreasonably interfere with such easement, a substitute easement(s) satisfactory to the holder(s) of the easement will be provided.”

 Signature Title

 Print Name Date

6. Remove all plans, details or notes that do not pertain to the project from the final set of construction documents.

C. APPLICATION

1. The residential code shall apply to occupancies of R-3 and U, when accessory to occupancy R-3. (CRC R301.1.3)
2. The proposed construction exceeds the number of stories allowed for conventional construction methods. Therefore, plans and specifications must be prepared by a registered design professional. (CRC R301.1.3)
3. The proposed construction does not conform to the conventional construction methods. Therefore, the plans and specifications must be prepared by a registered design professional. (CRC R301.1.3)

D. FLOOD RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION (CRC R322)

1. This site is in a designated flood zone. The flood designation is _____ zone. The guideline for flood damage prevention is found in Chapter 18.40.290 of the LBMC.
2. Specify on the construction documents the required finish floor elevations of all structures and reference the elevation datum used (e.g. NGVD 1929 or NAVD 1988)
3. For new building and addition/alteration improvement that exceed 50% of existing value of the structure, an Elevation Certification is required. Show the elevation of the lowest floor per Flood Elevation Certificate on the construction documents.
4. Note to plans: "A final Flood Elevation Certificate executed by a licensed survey or civil engineer must be furnished to the City Inspector prior to the approval of the lowest floor framing."
5. All new buildings, structures, and portions of buildings and structures, including substantial improvement and restoration of substantial damage to buildings and structures, shall be designed and constructed to resist the effects of flood in accordance with Section 1612 of the CBC and Section R322 of the CRC and ASCE 24.
6. Within areas designated as AR, AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, or AR/A, the following standards shall apply:
 - a) All new construction in areas designated as developed areas shall use the lower of either the AR base flood elevation or the elevation that is three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade.
 - b) All new construction in areas that are not designated as developed areas shall comply with the following:
 - i) Where the AR flood depth is equal to or less than five (5) feet above the highest adjacent grade, the lower of either the AR base flood elevation or the elevation that is three (3) feet above the highest adjacent grade shall be used.
 - ii) Where the AR flood depth is greater than five (5) feet above the highest adjacent grade, the AR base flood elevation shall be used.
7. In dual zone areas the following shall apply:
 - a) All new construction in areas within zone AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, AR/A the higher of either the applicable AR zone elevation or the base flood elevation for the underlying A1-30, AE, AH, AO, or A zone shall be used.
 - b) All substantial improvements to existing construction within zones AR/A1-30, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, or AR/A shall use the base flood elevation for the underlying A1-30, AE, AH, AO, or A zone.

CHAPTER 3 BUILDING PLANNING

E. EXTERIOR WALLS

1. Exterior walls with a fire separation distance less than (3) (5) feet shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than one hour with exposure from both sides, per CRC Table R302.1.
2. Permitted projections with a fire separation distance of less than (3) (5) feet shall have not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction on the underside per CRC Table R302.1.
3. Projections beyond the exterior wall shall comply with Table R302.1 and shall not extend to a point closer than 2 feet from interior lot line.
4. Except for approved foundation vents, openings in exterior walls of dwellings or accessory buildings with less than 3 feet fire separation distance per CRC Table R302.1 are not permitted.

5. Openings in exterior walls of non-sprinklered building at least 3 feet but less than 5 feet fire separation distance shall not exceed 25 percent of the wall area per CRC Table R302.1.
6. Penetrations of the exterior wall located with less than (3) feet fire separation distance shall be protected per CRC Table R302.1.

F. TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS

1. Dwelling units in two-family dwellings shall be separated by not less than 1-hour fire-resistance rated wall and/or floor assemblies. (CRC R302.3)
2. Floor assemblies providing the separation shall be supported by construction having an equal or greater fire-resistive rating. (CRC R302.3.1)
3. Fire-resistance-rated floor shall extend to exterior wall, and wall shall extend from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing. See Exceptions. (CRC R302.3)
4. Penetrations of fire-resistance rated wall or floor/ceiling assemblies shall be in accordance with CRC Sections R302.2, R302.3, and R302.4.

G. LIGHT, VENTILATION, AND HEATING

1. All habitable rooms shall have aggregate glazing of not less than 8 percent of the floor area to provide natural light, or they shall be provided with artificial light per Section R303.1.
2. All habitable rooms shall be provided with natural ventilation through openings to the outdoor air, or they shall be provided with mechanical ventilation in accordance with Section R303.1.
3. Provide bathroom exhaust fan for each bathroom containing a bathtub, shower, or combination for purpose of humidity control. Window operation is not a permissible method for providing bathroom exhaust for humidity control. (CRC R303.3.1)
4. Ventilation air rates shall comply with the California Mechanical Code. (CRC R303.4)
5. All interior and exterior stairways shall be illuminated. Exterior stairway illumination shall be controlled from inside of the dwelling. (CRC R303.7.8)
6. When the winter design temperature is below 60 °F, every dwelling unit shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a temperature of 68 °F at 3 feet above the floor and 2 feet from exterior walls in all habitable rooms. (CRC R303.10)

H. ROOM AREAS AND CEILING HEIGHT

1. Habitable rooms, except kitchens, shall have a floor area of at least 70 square feet and not be less than 7 feet in any horizontal dimension. (CRC R304.1 & 2)
2. The minimum ceiling height for habitable space, hallways, and portions of basements containing these spaces shall be not less than 7 feet. Bathrooms, toilet rooms and laundry rooms shall have a minimum ceiling height of 6 feet, 8 inches. (CRC R305.1)
3. The ceiling height above bathroom and toilet room shall be such that the fixture is capable of being used for its intended purpose. A shower or tub equipped with a showerhead shall have a minimum ceiling height of 6 feet, 8 inches above a minimum area 30 inches by 30 inches at the showerhead. (CRC R305.1 Exception 2)
4. The minimum ceiling height for portions of a basement without habitable spaces must be 6 feet, 8 inches, except that 6 feet, 4 inches shall be permitted under beams, ducts and other obstructions. (CRC R305.1.1)

I. SANITATION

1. Kitchen sinks, lavatories, bathtubs, showers, bidets, laundry tubs and washing machine outlets shall be provided with hot and cold water and connected to an approved water supply. (CRC R306.4)
2. Bathrooms, water closet compartments, and other similar rooms shall be provided with minimum glazing area of 3 square feet, one half openable. The glazed areas are not required where artificial light and mechanical ventilation of 50 CFM intermittent or 20 CFM continuous ventilation provided. (CRC R303.3)

3. Dimension 30 inches clear width and 24 inches clear front of water closet. (CPC 402.5)
4. Shower door shall swing out. Net area of shower receptor shall not be less than 1,024 square inches of floor area, and encompass 30 inches diameter circle minimum. (CPC 408.6)
5. Bathtub and shower floors, walls above bathtubs with a showerhead, and shower compartments shall be finished with a nonabsorbent surface. Such wall surfaces shall extend to a height of not less than 6 feet above the floor. (CRC R307.2)

J. GLAZING

1. Identification of safety glazing shall be in accordance with CRC Section R308.1.
2. Glazing in the following locations shall be safety glazing conforming to the human impact loads of Section R308.3 and R308.4:
 - a. Fixed and operable panels of swinging, sliding and bifold door assemblies.
 - b. Glazing in an individual fixed or operable panel adjacent to a door where the bottom edge is less than 60 inches above the floor or walking surface and it meets either of the following conditions:
 - i. Where the glazing is within 24 inches of either side of the door in the plane of the door in a closed position.
 - ii. Where the glazing is on a wall perpendicular to the plane of the door in a closed position and within 24 inches of the hinge side of an in-swinging door.
 - c. Glazing in an individual fixed or operable panel that meets all of the following conditions:
 - i. Exposed area of an individual pane greater than 9 square feet.
 - ii. Bottom edge less than 18 inches above the floor.
 - iii. Top edge greater than 36 inches above the floor.
 - iv. One or more walking surfaces within 36 inches horizontally of the glazing.
 - d. Glazing in railings.
 - e. Glazing in enclosures for or walls facing hot tubs, whirlpools, saunas, steam rooms, bathtubs and showers where the bottom edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches measured vertically above any standing or walking surface.
 - f. Glazing in walls and fences containing or adjacent to indoor and outdoor swimming pools, hot tubs and spas where the bottom edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches above a walking surface and within 60 inches, measured horizontally and in a straight line, of the water's edge.
 - g. Glazing adjacent to stairways, landings and ramps within 36 inches horizontally of a walking surface when the surface of the glazing is less than 36 inches above the plane of the adjacent walking surface.
3. Require safety glazing if glazing is less than 60 inches measured horizontally from water's edge of a bathtub or shower. (CRC R308.4.5)
4. Skylights and sloped glazing shall comply with CRC Section R308.6.
5. In dwelling units, where the bottom of the clear opening of an operable window opening is located less than 24 inches above the finished floor and greater than 72 inches above the finished grade or other surface below on the exterior of the building, the operable window shall comply with one of the following:
 - a. Operable windows with openings that will not allow a 4-inch-diameter sphere to pass through the opening where the opening is in its largest opened position.
 - b. Operable windows that are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F2090.
 - c. Operable windows that are provided with window opening control devices that comply with CRC Section R312.2.2. (CRC R312.2)

K. GARAGE AND CARPORT

1. Openings from a private garage directly into a room used for sleeping purposes is not permitted. (CRC R302.5.1)
2. Permitted openings between the garage and the dwelling shall be equipped with 1-3/8 inches in thickness, solid wood doors, solid or honeycomb core steel doors, or 20-minute fire-rated doors, equipped with a self-closing and self-latching device. (CRC R302.5.1)
3. The garage shall be separated from the dwelling and its attic area in accordance with CRC Table R302.6.
4. Ducts penetrating the walls or ceilings separating the dwelling from the garage shall be constructed of a minimum No. 26 gage (0.48 mm) sheet steel or other approved material. (CRC R302.5.2)

5. Other penetrations of garage/dwelling ceilings and walls are to be protected. (CRC R302.11 Item 4)
6. Garage floor surfaces shall be of an approved noncombustible material, and the area used to park vehicles shall be sloped to a drain or toward the main vehicle entry. (CRC R309.1)

L. EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENINGS

1. Basements (except basements without habitable space and having not more than 200 square feet in floor area), habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening. (CRC R310.1)
2. All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum clear opening of 5.7 square feet. The minimum net clear opening height dimension shall be 24 inches. The minimum net clear opening width dimension shall be 20 inches. The net clear opening dimensions shall be the result of normal operation of the opening. (CRC R310.2.1 & R310.2.2)
3. Where a window is provided as the emergency escape and rescue opening, it shall have the bottom of the clear opening not greater than 44 inches measured from the floor. (CRC R310.2.3)
4. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall be maintained free of any obstructions, other than those allowed by this section, and shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys, tools or special knowledge. (CRC R310.1.1)
5. Window wells for emergency escape and rescue openings below grade shall have a minimum horizontal area of 9 square feet, with a minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches. The well area shall allow the emergency escape and rescue opening to be fully opened. (CRC R310.4)
6. Ladders or steps for window wells greater than 44 inches deep shall comply with Section R310.4.2
7. A door provided as the required emergency escape and rescue opening shall comply with Section R310.3.
8. Bars, grills, covers and screens placed over emergency escape and rescue openings, bulkhead enclosures or window wells shall comply with Section R310.4.4.

M. MEANS OF EGRESS

1. Provide at least one side-hinged egress door from each dwelling unit not less than 3 feet wide and 6.5 feet high with minimum 32 inches width clear. Egress door shall be readily openable from inside without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. (CRC R311.2)
2. Landing or floor at required egress door shall not be more than 1 ½ inches threshold. (CRC R311.3.1)
3. Landings shall be at least as wide as the door or stairway served and shall be 36 inches minimum in the direction of travel. (CRC R311.3)
4. Stairways shall have a minimum clear width of 36 inches above the permitted handrail height and below the required headroom height. (CRC R311.7.1)
5. Stairways shall have a minimum clear width at and below the handrail of 31-1/2 inches where only one side and 27 inches where on both sides. (CRC R311.7.1)
6. A continuous handrail shall be provided on at least one side of each continuous run of treads or flight with four or more risers. (CRC R311.7.8)
7. Handrail height, measured vertically from the sloped plane adjoining the tread nosing or finish surface of ramp slope, shall be not less than 34 inches and not more than 38 inches. Handrails adjacent to a wall shall have a space of at least 1-1/2 inches between the wall and the handrail. (CRC R311.7.8.1 & R311.7.8.2)
8. Enclosed accessible space under stairs shall have walls, under-stair surface and any soffits protected on the enclosed side with 1/2 inch gypsum board. (CRC R302.7)
9. Stairway headroom shall be a minimum of 6 feet, 8 inches measured vertically from the sloped line adjoining the tread nosing or from the floor surface of the landing or platform on that portion of the stairway. (CRC R311.7.2)
10. Treads shall be at least 10 inches deep, risers shall not be greater than 7-3/4 inches in height and the tread or riser variance shall not exceed 3/8 inch within any flight of stairs. (CRC R311.7.5.1 & R311.7.5.2)

11. A landing shall be provided at the top and bottom of stairways. See Exception for top of an interior flight of stairs and stairs in an enclosed garage. (CRC R311.7.6)
12. The walking surface of treads and landings of stairways shall be sloped no steeper than one unit vertical to 48 units horizontal (2 percent slope). (CRC R311.7.7)
13. Winder treads shall comply with CRC Section R311.7.5.2.1.
14. Spiral stairs shall comply with CRC Section R311.7.10.1.
15. Ramps serving the egress door required by R311.2 shall have a maximum slope of 1 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (8.3 percent slope) All other ramps shall have a maximum slope of 1 unit vertical in 8 units horizontal. Ramps with a slope in excess of 1 unit vertical in 12 units horizontal shall be provided with handrails on at least one side. (CRC R311.8.1 & 3)

N. GUARDS

1. Guards of minimum 42 inches high are required at open-sided walking surfaces that are more than 30 inches above the floor or grade below within 36 inches horizontally to the edge of the open side. (CRC R312.1.1 & R312.1.2)
2. Required guards on the open side of stairs shall have a height not less than 34 inches measured vertically from a line connecting the leading edges of the treads. (CRC R312.1.2 Exception 1)
3. Require guard at operable window located more than 72 inches high above grade below and less than 24 inches above finished floor of the room. (CRC R312.2.1)
4. Required guards shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4 inches in diameter. The triangular opening at the open side of a stair, formed by the riser, tread and bottom rail of a guard shall not allow passage of a sphere 6 inches in diameter. Guards on the open sides of stairs shall not have openings which allow passage of a sphere 4-3/8 inches in diameter. (CRC R312.1.3)
5. Wood/plastic composite guards shall comply with Section R317.4

O. AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

1. Automatic residential fire sprinkler system shall be installed in new one- and two- family dwellings. (CRC R313.2)
2. Automatic residential fire sprinkler systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA 13D. (CRC R313.2.1)

P. FUTURE EV CHARGING

1. For new one-and two-family dwellings and townhouses with attached private garages, future EV charging shall be installed per CAL Green 4.106.4.1. See information bulletin BU-050 for further details regarding EV charging stations.

Q. SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

1. Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations: (CRC R314.3)
 - a. In each sleeping room.
 - b. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
 - c. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and habitable attics, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics.
 - d. Smoke alarms shall be installed not less than 3 feet horizontally from the door or opening of a bathroom that contains a bathtub or shower unless this would prevent placement of a smoke alarm required by Section R314.3
2. Smoke alarms shall be hardwired with battery backup and alarms interconnected. (CRC R314.4)
3. Battery operated smoke alarms are permitted in lieu of interconnection / hard-wiring of smoke alarms in existing areas where the construction does not involve the removal of interior finishes. (CRC R314.4)
4. An approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on every level including basement in dwelling units that have fuel-fired appliances or attached garages. (CRC R315.3)

5. Note on the plans: Carbon monoxide detectors shall be hardwired with battery backup and alarms interconnected. (CRC R315.5)

R. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Foam plastic insulation shall comply with Section R316.5.
2. Wood burning fireplace is prohibited per AQMD Rule 445.
3. Provide approved model (ICC or UL number) for factory-built gas fireplace.
4. Draftstops shall be installed when there is usable space both above and below the concealed space of a floor/ceiling assembly, so that the area of concealed space does not exceed 1000 square feet and is divided into approximately equal areas. Draftstopping material shall be as specified in Section R302.12.
5. Fireblocking shall be provided in accordance with CRC Section R302.11:
 - a. In concealed spaces of stud walls and partitions, including furred spaces and parallel rows of studs or staggered studs at the ceiling and floor level, and at maximum 10-foot horizontal intervals. Batts or blankets of mineral or glass fiber or other approved nonrigid materials shall be permitted for compliance with the 10-foot horizontal fireblocking in walls constructed using parallel rows of studs or staggered studs
 - b. At all interconnections between concealed vertical and horizontal spaces such as occur at soffits, drop ceilings and cove ceilings.
 - c. In concealed spaces between stair stringers at the top and bottom of the run.
 - d. At openings around vents, pipes, ducts, cables and wires at ceiling and floor level, with an approved material to resist the free passage of flame and products of combustion.
6. Fireblocking materials shall consist of one of the following: (CRC R302.11.1)
 - a. 2-inch nominal lumber.
 - b. Two thicknesses of 1-inch nominal lumber with broken lap joints.
 - c. One thickness of 23/32 inch wood structural panels with joints backed by 23/32 inch wood structural panels.
 - d. One thickness of 3/4-inch particle board with joints backed by 3/4 inch particle board, 1/2 inch gypsum board or 1/4 inch cement-based millboard.
 - e. Batts or blankets of mineral wool or glass fiber or other approved materials installed in such a manner as to be securely retained in place.

S. PROTECTION AGAINST DECAY & TERMITES

1. The following locations subject to decay damage require the use of approved decay-resistant or preservative-treated lumber in accordance with Section R317.1:
 - a. In crawl spaces or unexcavated areas located within periphery of the building foundation, wood joists or the bottom of a wood structural floor where closer than 18 inches to exposed ground, wood girders where closer than 12 inches to exposed ground, and wood columns where closer than 8 inches to exposed ground.
 - b. Wood framing members, including columns, that rest directly on concrete or masonry exterior foundation walls and are less than 8 inches from the exposed ground.
 - c. Sills and sleepers on a concrete or masonry slab that is in direct contact with the ground unless separated from such slab by an impervious moisture barrier.
 - d. The ends of wood girders entering exterior masonry or concrete walls having clearances of less than 1/2 inch on tops, sides and ends.
 - e. Wood siding, sheathing and wall framing on the exterior of a building having a clearance of less than 6 inches from the ground or less than 2 inches from concrete steps, porch slabs, patio slabs and similar horizontal surfaces exposed to the weather.
 - f. Wood structural members supporting moisture-permeable floors or roofs that are exposed to the weather, such as concrete or masonry slabs, unless separated from such floors or roofs by an impervious moisture barrier.
 - g. Wood furring strips or other wood framing members attached directly to the interior of exterior masonry walls or concrete walls below grade except where an approved vapor retarder is applied between the wall and the furring strips or framing members

- h. Portions of wood structural members that form the structural supports of buildings, balconies, porches or similar permanent building appurtenances where those members are exposed to the weather without adequate protection from a roof, eave, overhang or other covering that would prevent moisture or water accumulation on the surface or at joints between members.
 - i. Wood columns in contact with basement floor slabs unless supported by concrete piers or metal pedestals projecting not less than 1 inch above the concrete floor and separated from the concrete pier by an impervious moisture barrier.
2. Wood in contact with the ground or embedded in concrete in direct contact with the ground that supports permanent structures for human occupancy shall be approved pressure-preservative-treated. (CRC R317.1.2)

CHAPTER 4 FOUNDATIONS

T. DRAINAGE, SLOPE & WATERPROOFING

1. Lots shall be graded to drain surface water away from foundation walls with a minimum fall of 6 inches within the first 10 feet. (CRC R401.3)
2. Footings shall be stepped where it is necessary to change the elevation of the top surface of the footings or where the slope of the bottom surface of the footing exceeds one unit vertical in ten units horizontal (10% slope) (CRC R403.1.5)
3. Concrete or masonry foundations that retain earth and enclose habitable or usable spaces located below grade shall have drains provided in accordance with Section R405.1.
4. Foundation walls that retain earth and enclose interior spaces and floors below grade shall be damp proofed from the top of the footing to the finished grade. (CRC R406.1)
5. All inside and outside surfaces of steel columns shall be given a shop coat of rust-inhibitive paint, or steel shall be of corrosion-resistant type or treated with coatings to provide corrosion resistance. (CRC R407.2)

U. UNDER-FLOOR SPACE

1. Under-floor spaces, other than space occupied by a basement, shall be provided with ventilation openings through foundation or exterior walls. (CRC R408.1)
2. A net ventilation area of not less than 1 square foot for each 150 square feet under-floor space area shall be provided. (CRC R408.1)
3. One ventilation opening shall be within 3 feet of each external corner of the underfloor space with the least dimension of the covering not exceed 1/4 inch. (CRC R408.1)
4. A minimum access opening of 18 inches by 24 inches through a floor or 16 inches by 24 inches through a perimeter wall shall be provided to the under-floor space. (CRC R408.4)
5. Access openings to under-floor spaces where mechanical equipment is located shall be provided. (CRC R408.4)

CHAPTER 7 WALL COVERING

V. WALL COVERING

1. Interior coverings and wall finishes shall comply with section R702.1
2. Exterior walls shall provide the building with a weather-resistance exterior wall envelope. (CRC R703.1)
3. Ceiling finishes shall be installed in accordance with the requirements for interior wall finishes. (CRC R805.1)

CHAPTER 8 ROOF- CEILING CONSTRUCTION

W. ROOF VENTILATION & ATTIC ACCESS

1. Enclosed attics and enclosed rafter spaces shall have cross ventilation for each separate space by ventilating openings against the entrance of rain. (CRC R806.1)
2. Cathedral ceilings require the same continuous air barriers, balanced soffits and ridge vents, as attics. Detail an effective ventilation system that satisfies this requirement.

3. Ventilation openings shall have at least dimension of 1/16 inch minimum and ¼ inch maximum. (CRC R806.1)
4. The total net free ventilating area shall not be less than 1/150 of the area of the space ventilated. (CRC R806.2)
Note: Enclosed framing in exterior balconies and elevated walking surfaces that are exposed to the weather shall be provided with openings that provide a net free cross ventilation area not less than 1/150 of the area of each separate space. (CBC 2304.12.2.6)
5. Building with combustible ceiling or roof construction shall have an attic access opening to attic areas that exceed 30 square feet and have a vertical height of 30 inches or greater. (CRC R807.1)

CHAPTER 9 ROOF ASSEMBLIES

X. ROOF COVERING

1. Specify roof covering as follows: (CRC R905.1)
 - a. Roof slope on roof plan.
 - b. Roof material.
 - c. Roof covering shall be class C rated or better.
2. Require base flashing against a vertical sidewall to roof per R905.2.8.3.
3. Require drip edge at eaves and rake edges of shingle roofs per R905.2.8.5.
4. Show roof/deck drainage per CPC 1101.11.
 - a. Size the roof drains and overflow drains
 - b. System shall be sized for min. rain intensity of 3" per hour.
 - c. The roof drain and overflow drain must maintain independent lines to the yard box.
 - d. Roof drainage is not permitted to flow over public property.
 - e. Secondary roof drains having the same size as the primary roof drains shall be installed with the inlet flow line located a min. 2" above the low point of the roof.
 - f. Scuppers through parapet walls adjacent to the low point of the roof may be used as secondary roof drainage. Scupper openings shall be a min. of 4" high and have a width equal to the circumference of the roof drain required for the area served.
5. Provide approved weatherproof walking surface materials at decks and balconies per R337.9.
 - a. Where balcony or other elevated walking surfaces are exposed to the weather, and the structural framing is protected by an impervious moisture barrier, the construction documents shall include details for all elements of the impervious moisture barrier system. The construction documents shall include manufacturer's installation instructions per CBC 107.2.5
 - b. The impervious moisture barrier system protecting the structure supporting moisture-permeable floors shall provide positive drainage of water that infiltrates the moisture-permeable floor topping per CBC 2304.12.2.4.
 - c. All elements of the impervious moisture barrier system shall not be concealed until inspected and approved per CBC 110.3.7.

PART 2 – STRUCTURAL DESIGN

1. Provide structural design calculations and plans stamped and signed by a licensed engineer or architect for the following structures and elements
 - a. Height of the structure is two stories or greater. (LBMC & CRC R301.1.3.2)
 - b. One story structure with more than 11 feet 7 inches high measured from floor surface to ceiling above. (CRC R301.3)
 - c. Floor, wall, or roof-ceiling elements are constructed of cold-formed steel, concrete, masonry, or structural insulated panels. (CRC R301.1.3.3)
 - d. Prescriptive lateral design of CRC provision is not applicable.
1. Use of the CRC prescriptive lateral design methods is not permitted for the following structures:
 - a. Height of the structure exceeds three stories. (CRC R301.2.2.7 & Table 602.10.3(3))
 - b. Structure is on hillside with slope exceeding 3:1. (CRC R301.1.3)

- c. Irregular portions of structures shall be designed in accordance with accepted engineering practice. Design for remainder of the buildings shall be permitted using the prescriptive provisions. (LBMC & CRC R301.2.2.6)
- d. Intermodal shipping containers that are repurposed for use as buildings or structures shall be designed in accordance with the structural provisions in Section 3115 of the California Building Code.

CHAPTER 4 FOUNDATIONS

Y. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

1. Wood foundation systems shall not be permitted. (LBMC & CRC R401.1)
2. Concrete shall have a minimum specified compressive strength as shown in Table R402.2 but not less than 2,500 psi. (CRC R402.2)
3. All exterior walls shall be supported on continuous solid or fully grouted masonry or concrete footings. (CRC R403.1)
4. Minimum sizes for concrete and masonry footings shall be as set forth in Table R403.1(1) through R403.1(3) and Figure R403.1(1) or R403.1.3 as applicable.
5. Stepped foundation shall comply with CRC Section R403.1.5.

Z. SEISMIC REINFORCING & ANCHORAGE

1. Footings shall have installed a minimum of one No. 4 bar at the top and one No. 4 bar located 3 inches to 4 inches from the bottom of the footing. (CRC R403.1.3.1)
2. Wood sole plates at all exterior walls and braced wall panels shall be anchored to the foundation with anchor bolts spaced a maximum of 6 feet on center and within 12 inches, but not less than seven bolt diameters, from the ends of each plate section. (LBMC & CRC R403.1.6)
3. Foundation anchor bolts shall be at least ½ inch in diameter and shall extend a minimum of 7 inches into concrete or grouted cells of concrete masonry units. A nut and washer shall be tightened on each anchor bolt. (CRC R403.1.6)
4. Interior bearing wall sole plates that are not part of a braced wall panel shall be positively anchored with approved fasteners. (CRC R403.1.6)
5. Columns shall be restrained to prevent lateral displacement at the bottom end. (CRC R407.3)

CHAPTER 5 FLOORS

AA. SEISMIC REINFORCING & ANCHORAGE

1. Span for floor joists and girders shall be in accordance with Tables R502.3.1(1) and R502.3.1(2) (CRC R502.3)
2. Joists framing from opposite sides over a bearing support shall lap a minimum of 3 inches and shall be nailed together with a minimum of three 10d face nails. (CRC R502.6.1)
3. Joists shall be supported laterally at the ends as described in Section R502.7.
4. A load path for lateral forces shall be provided between floor framing and braced wall panels. (CRC R502.2.1)
5. Openings in horizontal framing shall be framed and constructed in accordance with R502.10.
6. Truss design drawings shall be provided to the building official and approved prior to installation. (CRC R502.11.4)
 - a. Wood trusses shall be designed in accordance with approved engineering practice, and the drawings shall be prepared by a registered design professional. (CRC R502.11.1)
 - b. Truss members and components shall not be cut, notched, spliced, or otherwise altered in any way without the approval of a registered design professional. (CRC R502.11.3)
7. Notches and holes in solid lumber joists and beams shall comply with Figure R502.8 and Section R502.8.1.
8. Cuts, notches, and holes bored in trusses, laminated veneer lumber, glue-laminated members or I-Joists are not permitted unless the effects of such are specifically addressed. (CRC R502.8.2)

9. Decks shall be either self-supporting or positively anchored to the primary structure. Toenails or nails subject to withdrawal shall not be used for such attachment. (CRC R507.1)
10. Wood/plastic composite deck boards, stair treads, guards, and handrail, shall comply with the requirements of ASTM D7032 & CRC Section 507.2.

BB.FLOOR SHEATHING & CONCRETE FLOOR (GROUND)

1. All wood structural panel sheathing shall be identified by a grade mark or certificate of inspection issued by an approved agency. (CRC R503.2.1)
2. The maximum span for wood panel structural sheathing shall comply with CRC Table R503.2.1.1(1) or APA E30. (CRC R503.2.2)
3. Concrete slab-on-ground floors shall be a minimum 3.5 inches thick. (CRC R506.1)
4. A minimum 10-mil polyethylene or approved vapor retarder shall be installed in accordance with Section R506.2.3.

CHAPTER 6 WALL CONSTRUCTIONS

CC.DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

1. Load-bearing dimension lumber for studs, plates and headers shall be identified by a grade mark of a lumber grading or inspection agency that has been approved by an accreditation body that complies with DOC PS 20. (CRC R602.1)
2. Drilling and notching of studs and top plates shall be in accordance with Section R602.6.
3. Header spans for bearing walls shall comply with Section R602.7.
4. Foundation cripple walls shall be framed of studs not less in size than the studs above. Cripple walls shall be supported on a continuous foundation. (CRC R602.9)
5. Cripple walls exceeding 4 feet in height shall be framed with studs as required for an additional story. (CRC R602.9)

DD.BRACED WALL PANELS

1. Diagonal Wood Board (DWB), Structural Fiberboard Sheathing (SFB), Particle Board Sheathing (PBS), Hardboard Panel Siding (SPS), and Portal Frame at Garage (PFG) are not permitted. (LBMC & CRC R602.10.3.2)
2. Walls braced to resist wind and seismic forces shall not exceed height to width ratios of 1:1 for gypsum board (GB) and Portland cement plaster (PCP). (LBMC & CRC Table R602.10.3(3))
3. Wood structural panel of minimum 15/32 inch is required. (LBMC & R602.10.4)
4. Alternate braced wall panels shall comply with LBMC Figure R602.10.6.1.
5. Portal Frame (PFH) at detached garage door openings shall comply with LBMC Figure R602.10.6.2.
6. Braced wall lines shall be provided in accordance with section R602.10.1.
7. Bracing length requirements constructed in accordance with intermittent bracing methods or continuous sheathing methods are per LBMC Table R602.10.3(3))
8. Mixing of bracing method is limited per CRC Section R602.10.4.1.
9. At corners, braced wall lines shall be permitted to angle out of plane with limits as set forth in CRC Section R602.10.1.4.
10. All vertical joints of panel sheathing shall occur over and be fastened to common studs. Horizontal joints in braced wall panels shall occur over and be fastened to common blocking of a minimum 1-1/2 inch thickness. (CRC R602.10.4.4)
11. In Seismic Design Categories other than D₂, cripple walls shall be braced with a length and type of bracing per CRC Section R602.10.2.
12. Braced walls of stone and masonry veneer shall comply with Section R602.10.6.5.

CHAPTER 8 ROOF-CEILING CONSTRUCTION

EE. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

1. Spans for ceiling joists and rafters shall be in accordance with section R802.4 and R802.5.
2. Purlins used to reduce rafter spans shall comply with Section R802.4.5.
3. Rafter or ceiling joists shall have at least 1½ inches bearing on wood or metal or 3 inches on masonry or concrete. (CRC R802.6)
4. Framing for roof and ceiling openings shall comply with Section R802.9.
5. Ceiling joist and rafter connections shall comply with Section R802.5.2.
6. Ends of ceiling joists shall be lapped a minimum of 3 inches or butted over bearing partitions or beams and toenailed to the bearing member. (CRC R802.5.2.1)
7. Structural members that support rafters and ceiling joists with a roof slope of less than three units vertical in 12 units horizontal (25 percent slope) shall be designed as beams. Structural members include ridge beams, hips, and valleys. (CRC R802.4.4)
8. Hip and valley rafters shall be supported at the ridge by a brace to a bearing partition where not designed to carry and distribute the specific load at that point. (CRC R802.4.3)
9. A continuous load path to the foundation shall be provided. (CRC R802.11)
10. Cutting, boring, and notching of structural roof members shall comply with Section R802.7.
11. Truss design drawings shall be provided to the building official and approved prior to installation: (CRC R802.10.1)
 - a. Wood trusses shall be designed in accordance with approved engineering practice, and the drawings shall be prepared by a registered design professional.
 - b. Truss members and components shall not be cut, notched, spliced, or otherwise altered in any way without the approval of a registered design professional.
12. Exterior landings, decks, balconies, stairs, and similar exit facilities shall be positively anchored to the primary structure to resist both vertical and lateral forces or shall be designed to be self-supporting.
13. Wood structural roof panel sheathing shall comply with Section R803.2.



PART 3: ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

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