Submittal Requirements



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Commercial - New Construction, Additions, Alterations with Exterior Work, or Structural Changes

This handout describes information that is usually required when applying for a permit for the construction of:

- A **new structure** covered under the Commercial Code. This would apply to new commercial structures and multi-family residential projects with 3 or more units. Or,
- A commercial alteration project which includes additional exterior work, structural changes, or increase in building footprint.
- If your project includes work that would change the occupancy or use of an existing building, please see us first before you prepare your submittal materials and plans. We will help you with information tailored to your project.

Submittal Materials

Completed Building Permit Application
Completed Systems Development Charge (SDC) Information Form for use with Commercial Projects
Erosion control and Tree plan (may be part of the Site Plan or the Grading Plan)
Mitigation Form and/or a Stormwater Plan if your project will add more than 500 square feet of new and/or redeveloped impervious area, or if your project involves an existing property that is proposing new stormwater discharges off-site
Four (4) copies each of Site, Architectural, Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Stormwater plans for the area of proposed work and areas affected by such work
Structural Calculations—Two (2) set prepared and stamped by the architect or engineer of record for the work covered. Calculations shall include a design summary and be sufficiently complete to demonstrate that the structural system is capable of supporting all imposed vertical and lateral loads and to demonstrate how loads are carried to the foundation.

Things to know before you start

Tree planting, preservation, or related requirements may apply to your project under Title 11, Trees (the Tree Code). To find out more about these regulations and how they affect your project please visit http://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/66676 or call 503-823-TREE (8799) or visit the Development Service Center and speak with a City Planner.

If your commercial project is an alteration/tenant improvement with no increase in floor area, no structural changes, and only minor changes to the exterior, please see the Submittal Guidelines for **Commercial Major Interior Alterations** or **Commercial Minor Interior Alterations**.

- Major Alterations have a total project valuation equal to or greater than \$155,900
- Minor Alterations have a total project valuation less than \$155,900

Please be aware that since every project is unique, there may be some situations where you will be asked to provide additional information, or your project may not require all the items on this list. We encourage you to visit the Development Services Center to discuss your individual project needs.

Systems Development Charges (SDCs) are collected by the Bureaus of Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, Water, and the Portland Bureau of Transportation to help offset the impact your project will have on the City's infrastructure of storm and sanitary sewer systems, parks and recreation facilities, water and street systems. (http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/34186) SDCs may be charged when:

- There is a change of use or occupancy
- The project increases the number of plumbing fixture units
- Additional dwelling units are added
- The project includes additional or redeveloped impervious surfaces of over 500 square feet or more, or if new stormwater and/or sanitary sewer connections are proposed

The Commercial SDC Form has contact numbers for each bureau charging SDCs.

What permits will you need?

The Application Materials outlined on this sheet will help us to issue your building permit. You may also need separate plumbing, mechanical, and/or electrical permits for work done by contractors in each specialty, depending on your individual project.

Need Help?

We encourage you to visit the Development Services Center (DSC) to discuss your individual project needs. Call (503) 823-7310, select option #1 for hours.

Plan Document Checklist

- Please clearly distinguish between existing conditions and proposed work.
- The plans may need to be stamped by an architect or engineer, registered in the State of Oregon.
- The plans must be legible, reproducible, black and white, with appropriate line weights and line types. Use a paper size, and a recognizable scale that will provide room to clearly show all details and allow for the addition of City review notes and stamps.
- Minimum printed text size for dimensions and notes is 3/32", or the equivalent of 12 point font; i.e. the underlined font is Times New Roman 12.

SIT	e Plans
	Property lines with dimensions, adjacent street names, easement locations and types, vicinity map, north arrow, drawing scale, and lot area in square feet
	Property address, R number and legal description
	All site related improvements including grading and erosion control and trees
	Existing and proposed grade elevations at property corners and corners of structure(s). Where a structure has a door, person gate or garage entry within 5' of a public street right-of-way, also include:
	Proposed finish floor elevations of doors, person gates, and garage entries, and
	☐ Elevations at top of existing curb and back of existing sidewalk and property line (perpendicular along the right-of-way)
	All existing and proposed structures on site with distances from property lines and other structures. Include area (in square feet) of any existing buildings. Show basements that extend under public right-of-way.
	Utilities including gas lines, power poles, street lights, and all new and existing water meters and water piping (fire, domestic and irrigation) with points of connection to the City water system and related sizes
	All existing and proposed backflow assembly locations, including size and type of water service
	All existing and proposed public and private sanitary and storm sewers and easements with points of connections and discharge
	Locations of all existing and proposed fire hydrants (if none on-site, note the distance to nearest)
	Parking layout plan with dimensions, including bike racks, accessible parking spaces/aisles, and accessible route to building entry
	Driveways, width of adjacent right-of-way, public sidewalk, planting strip and/or tree wells, curb or edge of pavement, locations of all public and private easements, and zoning overlays, dimension driveway width and distance to property line
	Location, dimensions, and area (in square feet) of all existing and proposed paving
	Landscaping and Trees (proposed and existing) to include both on-site information, street trees and erosion control plan
Ar	chitectural Plans

General Building Code Information including scope of work proposed, building location, tenant space

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	Building Code edition, Building Construction Type, Uses of building, Occupancy Classification(s), Separated or Nonseparated Uses, number of stories, overall building area (square feet), floor area of alteration or addition, fire sprinkler type and extent of coverage, fire alarms, number of		for outside air. HVAC Roof Plan is required when there are new or replacement units. Identify the types, sizes, locations and weights of mechanical equipment, and dimensions from equipment to the edge of roof.
	plumbing fixtures required and provided, and any other applicable building code information.	Dli	ımbing Plans
	Code Summary Floor Plans (may be on main plan or a separate floor plan diagram showing full extent of building area) clearly showing fire wall types and fire-rating (i.e., area separation, occupancy separations, corridors, exits enclosures, shafts, etc.), uses of rooms/areas and occupancy		For exterior site utility piping provide the location, size, and type of all material for water service, rain drains, sanitary sewer, storm water sewer lines, and new/existing connections. Projects with the installation and/or alteration of any of the following must include complete
	classifications, occupant loads, smoke detectors, egress paths to the exterior of the building with exit signs and egress lighting. Floor Plans, fully dimensioned and labeled, including existing and proposed walls, walls to be removed, doors with swing direction, windows, stairs, plumbing fixtures, accessibility clearances, corridors, uses of rooms/areas, fire wall types and fire-rating, exit signs.		plumbing piping plans showing waste, vent, and water piping, with existing and proposed fixture unit counts calculated in accordance with the Oregon State Plumbing Specialty Code, Table 6-4 and Table 7-3. Riser diagrams may be required for projects three or more stories in height. • Chemical drainage waste and vent systems containing chemical agents potentially detrimental to the integrity of a plumbing
	Building exterior elevations showing each side of the building, with exterior finish materials and height of the building above grade, and below grade structure, i.e. basement/foundation, show location of property lines and dedication.		 wastewater pretreatment systems for building sewers or pollution controls (source controls) Vacuum drainage waste and vent systems Reclaimed wastewater or harvested rainwater
	Roof Plan including roof materials, slopes, drains, vents, access hatch and roof-mounted equipment.		systems • Commercial booster pump system needed to
	Door and window sizes, fire-rating, and hardware for all doors.		maintain a minimum residual water pressure in a structure supplied by a municipal source
	Building Sections and details as necessary to clearly indicate all required construction information.		 Plumbing system requiring a building water service line with an interior diameter or nominal pipe size of two inches or greater except those two inch systems which have
Stı	ructural Plans		been designed and stamped by a licensed
	General notes which include design loads, geotechnical report references (if applicable), materials grades and specifications, list of special inspection items, list of deferred submittal items.		 engineer Medical gas and vacuum system for health care facilities Installation of any multi-purpose fire sprinkler
	Foundation Plans and details, including piles, shoring, tiebacks, retaining walls, etc. Show location of property lines and dedication.		system under standards adopted by the department A separate plumbing permit must be obtained by
	Floor and roof framing plans showing all member sizes and connection details for gravity and lateral load paths.		the plumbing contractor. Grease processing /interception equipment systems for food service establishments and
Me	echanical Plans	_	food processing facilities
$\overline{}$	HVAC Floor Plans indicating locations of shafts, corridors, occupancy separations and all other fire rated construction as shown on the most current Architectural Floor Plans, sizes and locations of duct work fire and smoke dampers at penetrations		Food Service Establishments are required to have outside agency approval. Contact Multnomah County Health Department 503-988-3400 and Oregon Agriculture Department, Food Safety 503-986-4720.

Electrical Plans ☐ Indicate location for lights, fans, smoke detectors, exit signs, and egress lighting, and show compliance with Building Code electrical requirements. A separate electrical permit must be obtained by the electrical contractor. **Civil Plans** For simple projects, this information can be incorporated into the site plan where details are clearly shown Erosion Prevention and Control Plan Utility Plan ☐ Grading Plan, please include the reference elevation datum ■ Excavation/Shoring Plan (shoring design by engineer) ☐ Stormwater Drainage Plan Stormwater Plan Lot or project area with setbacks (if not on site ☐ Grading information (contours and elevations) showing runoff pattern ☐ Delineate all new and/or redeveloped impervious areas Existing paved areas and roofs, including size in square feet ☐ Stormwater facility designs (if not on Plumbing Plans) showing inlet/outlet elevations, storm sizing calculations, locations of all stormwater discharge connections to public sewer, point of on-site infiltration or natural drainage ways, and complete plumbing information including piping material, piping sizing and fittings. ☐ Sanitary service connections Additional Information ☐ Specifications—Two (2) sets of construction specifications if used for the project Soils Report—Two (2) sets of soils reports, where required, prepared by a registered design professional that details all needed site related soils information. ☐ Energy code compliance documentation — Two (2) copies including State-approved Forms and

- proposed accessibility improvements, and their corresponding value. (To show accessibility improvement costs of 25% of the project value)
- One (1) copy of a Fire and Life Safety Summary for large and/or complicated buildings such as hospitals, malls, large assembly buildings, highrise buildings and buildings with smoke control systems (see Fire and Life Safety Summary checklist for material required

Is your site in a flood hazard area? Please direct floodplain development questions to Site Development at (503) 823-6892.

Helpful Information

City of Portland, Oregon Development Services Center (DSC), First Floor, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201

For Hours Call 503-823-7310 | Select Option #1

Information on choosing a contractor

(http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/525047)

Important telephone numbers

BDS main number	503-823-7300		
DSC automated information line	503-823-7310		
Building code information	503-823-1456		
Zoning information	503-823-7526		
Permit information for electrical, mechanical,			
plumbing, sewer and sign	503-823-7363		
Permitting process	503-823-7357		
Permit resources and records	503-823-7660		
FAX requests for records	503-823-7765		

System development charges information

Bureau of Parks & Recreation	503-823-5105
Portland Water Bureau	503-823-7364
Portland Bureau of Transportation	503-823-7002
BDS 24 hour inspection request line	
requires IVR number and three digit	
type of inspection code	503-823-7000
Small Business Liaison	503-823-7542
Portland License Bureau	503-823-5157
Tree Hotline	503-823-8733
City of Portland TTY	503-823-6868

Bureau of Environmental Services 503-823-7761

Visit our website www.portlandoregon.gov/bds

All information is subject to change.

Worksheets for the Summary, Building Envelope,

For alterations and additions to existing

buildings, two (2) copies of an Accessibility

Upgrade Schedule consisting of a list of

Lighting, and HVAC.