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## PERMIT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

The following list of items must be submitted to the Building Department when applying for a permit to construct a single family residence, duplex or town home structure.

- Two (2) complete sets of Blue Prints
- Permit Application Form. (**Any changes to application must be submitted prior to work being started**).
- Library District, Park District and School District Contributions need the receipt added to the building packet when applying for permit. (**Paid to appropriate entity if applicable**).
- Residential Construction Requirements.
- Water Supply Fixture Calculations.
- Letter of Intent – Electrical and Plumbing – Must be on the letterhead of the electrical and plumbing contractors
- Construction Conduct.
- EIFS Application (**If applicable**).
- Two (2) Plat of Surveys \*See Survey Requirements.
- Two (2) Sets of Construction Documents – Include **ALL** Code and Plan Review Notes.
- Architectural letter of approval from subdivision committee or developer (**If applicable**).
- Res Check from a registered design professional
- Manual “J” from HVAC Contractor
- Documents signed and sealed by an Illinois Registered Architect – Dwellings of **3,500** square feet and larger and **ALL** Multi-Family Structures Two (2) units or more.
- Landscape Plan – Key and Through Lots only. See Key and Through Lot requirements.

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT ALL ITEMS FOR PLAN REVIEW SHALL CAUSE THE PERMIT APPLICATION TO BE REJECTED.**



## **RECAPITULATION OF BUILDING CODES**

THE VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD UTILIZES THE FOLLOWING CODES DURING THE PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION PROCESS:

### **BUILDING**

- 2006 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE
- 2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE
- 2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE – RESIDENTIAL
- 2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE - COMMERCIAL
- 2006 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
- 2010 VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD BUILDING CODE
- 2006 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE
- STATE OF ILLINOIS ACCESSIBILITY CODE – 5/97 ISSUE

### **ELECTRICAL**

- 2005 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE (NEC)
- 2010 VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD BUILDING CODE

### **MECHANICAL**

- 2006 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

### **PLUMBING**

- 2004 STATE OF ILLINOIS PLUMBING CODE (INCLUDING ALL LATEST AMENDMENTS AND NEW SECTIONS ADOPTED)
- 2010 VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD BUILDING CODE

### **FIRE PREVENTION**

- 2006 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE – (INCLUDING ALL LATEST PLAINFIELD or OSWEGO FIRE AMENDMENTS AND NEW SECTIONS ADOPTED)

**NOTE:** FIRE PROTECTION REQUIRES INSPECTIONS FOR ALL COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS AND RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES OVER TWO (2) UNITS.

The recapitulation of building codes can be found on our website under General Information at: <http://www.plainfield-il.org/departments/building.php>



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## APPLICATION FOR BUILDING AND USE PERMIT

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ SUBDIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_ LOT # \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY TAX ID # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ZONING: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATED IN FLOOD PLAIN: Yes / No

BUILDING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ ESTIMATED VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_

KEY LOT/THROUGH LOT: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUARE FOOTAGE LIVING AREA	CUBIC FEET	ROOMS/QUANTITY	WATER METER SIZE
1 <sup>st</sup> Floor: _____	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor: _____	Bedrooms: _____	1": _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor: _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor: _____	Bathrooms: _____	1-1/2": _____
Basement: _____	Basement: _____	Garage/Cars: _____	2": _____
Garage: _____	Garage: _____	Stories: _____	
<b>Total:</b> _____	<b>Total:</b> _____		
Deck Sq. Footage: _____			

\* Will the Basement be finished under this permit? \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTRACTOR'S

**GENERAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CONCRETE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLUMBING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**WATER/SEWER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**INSULATION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ROOFING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SIDING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARPENTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ELECTRICAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EXCAVATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HVAC:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MASONRY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**GYP SUM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EFIS:** \_\_\_\_\_

### OWNER/CONTRACTOR

**OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that the above and attached information is correct and agree, in consideration of and upon issuance of a Building & Use Permit, to do or allow to be done only such work herewith applied for, and that such premises and its existing and proposed buildings or structures shall be used or allowed to be used for only such purposes as are set forth above or other uses permitted in the district.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CONTRACTOR) (CONTRACTOR)

Permit Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(BUILDING OFFICIAL) (BUILDING OFFICIAL)



## RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

The following is to be included on all plans to maintain all applicable building codes and ordinances set forth by The Village of Plainfield.

### EXTERIOR:

- All plans meet annexation agreement
- An Architectural approval letter from the Developer or Subdivision committee shall be submitted with plans.
- Elevations – Indicate all materials
- Fireplace Chimney – Spark Arrester (**2'-0" minimum above roof at a point 10'-0" from the chimney**)
- Glass – Safety **tempered** in all hazardous locations
- Guardrails

### INTERIOR:

- Attic access – Minimum **22" x 30"**. (See attached detail for garage attic access)
- Bathrooms – If no venting window an exhaust fan is required.
- Bedrooms – Emergency egress.
- Framing – Indicate size, grade and span direction for:
  - Floor joists
  - Ceiling joists
  - Roof rafters
  - Roof ridge
  - **All spans must meet IRC 2006 span charts.**
- Insulation – Indicate R-values.
- A Res Check from the HVAC contractor
- Lintel sizes – Over masonry openings.
- Stairways
- Structural elements – Beams, Columns, Lintels. (Indicate load points)
- Trusses (Roof or Floor) – Submit diagram.
- Weather resistant membrane "House-wrap". (Indicate type of material being used)
- Window ventilation schedule – Glass **8%**, Vent **4%**
- Multi-Family separation walls require UL U336 with USG Design SA925.

# RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW CONTINUED

## GARAGE:

- Attic access – (See attached detail)
- Common door(s) – Must be One (1) hour rated with closing device.
- Concrete floor – Sloped (2” Min.) toward overhead door.
- Garage Curb – Minimum 4” high at common walls.
- Heat detector in garage and wired to house smoke detector system.

## BASEMENT:

- Area wells – 4” PVC drain w/grate cover, gravel fill.
- Footing – 10” x 20”
- Foundation walls – **Must meet IRC Table R404.1.1(5)** - Minimum 8” inch wall with Two (2) #4 rebar top & bottom with corner bars. A 10” inch wall requires no reinforcing. Anchor Bolts 6’ feet O.C. and 12” inches off any corner.

**NOTE:** Any construction or design changes must have written approval from the Building Official.

In Illinois it is the law to call:

**JULIE, INC. @ 811 or 1 (800) 892-0123** - Two (2) working days prior to digging to locate utilities.



## SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

### PLAT OF SURVEY:

All development plans, layouts and plats of survey shall conform to approved Final Engineering Plans for the subdivision in which it is located. Two (2) copies of the Plat of Survey shall be submitted with the application for a building and use permit for each new residence, commercial or industrial building. This survey shall be known as the "Permit Survey" and shall include the following information:

1. Legal Description of Property.
2. Address of Property.
3. Building location, including setback dimensions to each property line (front, each side, and rear).
4. Top of foundation and grade elevations at each outside building corner. Provide a minimum of four (4) grade elevations.
5. Top of foundation for each adjacent lot
6. North arrow and scale or drawings.
7. Bench marks.
8. All property lines and total property dimensions.
9. Driveway and apron including width and finished material, which shall consist of asphalt, concrete or brick pavers. Driveway slope minimum 2%, maximum 8%.
10. Public walk(s), 5'-0" wide, and 1'-0" off lot lines unless otherwise approved on the final subdivision plan including accessible ramps at corner lots.
11. Basement & garage finished floor elevations.
12. Service walk(s). 3'-0" minimum width for front service walk(s).
13. Street curb.
14. Decks or patios, including size.
15. Grade elevations at property lines and flow arrows.
16. Top of curb grade elevation at centerline of property.
17. Castings, including "B"-Box, manholes and storm sewers.
18. Public utility and drainage easements.
19. Flood prone areas – provide the 100-year flood plain elevation (F.P.E.), contour lines indicating 100-year flood plain boundary (If applicable), top of foundation and basement floor elevation.
20. E-mail an electronic copy (pdf format) to [building@goplainfield.com](mailto:building@goplainfield.com).
21. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

### TOP OF FOUNDATION (Spot Survey):

After a foundation is poured and all forms are removed, submit one (1) original spot survey to the building department, prior to scheduling a backfill inspection. An Illinois professional land surveyor shall seal, sign and date all Spot Surveys. A tolerance of four (4) inches plus or two (2) inches minus shall be allowed on the foundation elevation.

## **SURVEY REQUIREMENTS – continued**

If the Top of Foundation is greater than two (2) inches below the elevation indicated on the approved permit plat, the foundation shall be raised accordingly. Include numbered items **1 through 7** from Plat of Survey list above along with the **permit number** and **contractor**.

### **APPEAL OF FOUNDATION ELEVATION:**

If a situation arises whereby the contractor is unable to build to the approved permit plan, the contractor must submit a revised Grading Plan, indicating sufficient information to allow positive site drainage. The plan shall be certified and signed by a registered Professional Engineer and state that this plan meets or exceeds all requirements as set forth by the village. Costs associated with the Village Engineer review shall be born by the applicant.

### **FINAL GRADING SURVEY:**

Prior to receiving a Final Certificate of Occupancy and after Final Lot Grading is completed; Submit either in digital format or two (2) hard copies (**No larger than 11 x 17**) of the Final Grading Survey to the Building Division for review. The Final Grading Plat provides an “as built” drawing of grading contours, drainage flow and all improvements on site.

The Final Grading Plat shall include the following information:

- ✓ All items listed under the section entitled “Plat of Survey”, plus all existing final grade elevations and contour lines.
- ✓ A tolerance of two (2) inches plus or minus on the final yard grading may be allowed, provided positive drainage is maintained.
- ✓ An Illinois registered professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall certify that the final grading complies with all grade elevations from the Approved Subdivision or Development Engineering Plans. The grading shall also comply with the Village Flood Plain Ordinance, if applicable, and maintains positive drainage flow routes according to requirements set forth by the village.
- ✓ Plat shall note elevations of property line at each corner. The midpoint of each lot line between corners, any structure elevations other than the building (e.g. grade at utility structures, patios, retaining walls, etc.) and any control elevations shown on the overall grading plan for the development.
- ✓ Final grade elevations shall provide allowances for sod to Final grade.
- ✓ Final survey shall include certification that lot grading meet the intent of overall grading plan for the subdivision or development. This requirement may be waived for sites on which no overall subdivisions or development grading plan has been approved.

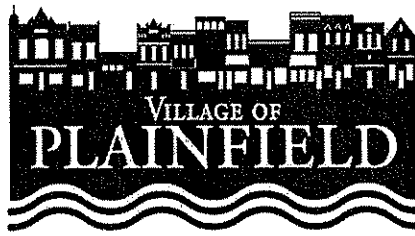


## CONSTRUCTION CONDUCT

The Village of Plainfield has established a variety of regulations to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens. In general terms, the Village expects construction projects to be conducted with consideration and courtesy towards neighboring residents. Among these regulations, contractors and sub-contractors should be aware of the following critical areas:

- ❑ **STREETS AND SIDEWALKS** – All streets and sidewalks shall be kept free of rubbish, debris, dirt, gravel and mud during all phases of construction. Streets shall be cleaned day-to-day or as deemed necessary upon determination by the Village Building Official.
- ❑ **DUST CONTROL** – Construction and demolition projects causing dust and airborne particles must take all necessary steps to control such dust. This may include watering down work sites.
- ❑ **MATERIAL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** – Upon completion of related work, all material shall be promptly removed from public property including all streets, alleys and sidewalks. Such public property shall be restored to its pre-construction condition.
- ❑ **RUBBISH CONTROL** – All construction rubbish and waste materials must be properly contained in a **metal container** at all times during the construction project to maintain an orderly condition.
- ❑ **OPEN BURNING** – No person or contractor shall cause or allow the burning of refuse or construction debris on any site within Village limits. If open burning does occur, a “Stop Work” order shall be posted immediately, the fire extinguished, the site cleaned of all debris and a fine of up to **\$500** shall be imposed, before the stop work is removed and construction continues.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## **EIFS APPLICATIONS**

**The Village of Plainfield Building Department is giving additional notice to all contractors that an inspection will be required prior to any application of an EIFS (Dryvit, Senergy) exterior system.**

**Given the ongoing debates regarding this type of application we have found it necessary to monitor each application in order to maintain the quality of building within the village.**

**Specifically, we will require an inspection after the house wrap and required flashing are completed and before the EIFS application is started. This can be done at the rough inspection or as a separate house wrap inspection. Please specify that your property is getting an EIFS application when scheduling your inspection.**

**It is mandatory that all EIFS applicators be currently registered with The Village of Plainfield your cooperation is appreciated.**

**The contractor will be subject to a fine if not in compliance.**

**I have read the above requirements:**

**Contractor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Permit Address: \_\_\_\_\_**



## RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- Garages with living space above must be dry-walled entirely with **5/8"** inch "Type X" and taped. Attic access in the garage requires the inside returns to be recessed with **5/8"** inch drywall and the lid to rest on top of the returns. Pull down stairs must be rated for one **(1)** hour with documentation. (See attached detail)
- Water meter must be installed by the **Rough Plumbing inspection in the summer** and by the **Insulation inspection in the winter** (contact Nancy at 815-436-3755 for water meter and remote hook up).
- All water meters will be purchased through the Village of Plainfield, to assure proper size and proper remote reading capabilities.
- Maximum allowable width for a driveway at the curb is twenty **(20')** feet.
- All bedrooms must have a window with a **5.7** square foot opening with normal operation of the window. (2006 International Residential Code)-See R310.1.1
- Garage excavation shall be backfilled 100% with stone.
- Columns and steel beams must be set before the basement inspection and pour.
- Ice & Water shield required as per the 2006 International Residential Code.
- All exterior fireplace chases must be insulated/dry-walled to the fire stop by Rough Inspection.
- Post a sign on the job site indicating the address; lot number and building permit with enough room for inspection stickers.
- Elevated exterior stairs require one of the following: **A)** A landing three **(3')** feet deep and the entire width of the active door with no stairs. **B)** A set of stairs the entire width of the door with handrails. **C)** Same as A, but with a set of **36"** inch stairs, all constructed of treated lumber.
- All steel beams & columns must be fastened to the foundation.
- The entire exterior must have a minimum of **1/2"** inch O.S.B. sheathing or plywood.
- Overland flood routes must be graded exactly to the specifications.
- Insulation certificate stating a minimum of **R-value** in the **walls, ceiling and above garage drop ceiling must be attached in the attic permanently.**
- Wire must be pulled prior to the Rough Electric Inspection.
- As of May 1, 2006, all new homes will require a **90%** AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) furnace.





## Water Supply Fixture Calculations

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumber: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Fixture Units</u>	<u>Total</u>
Water Closet	_____	X      3	=      _____
Lavatory	_____	X      1	=      _____
Bathtub	_____	X      2	=      _____
Shower stall	_____	X      2	=      _____
Kitchen sink	_____	X      2	=      _____
Laundry tray	_____	X      3	=      _____
Dishwasher	_____	X      1	=      _____
Washing machine	_____	X      2	=      _____
Other	_____	X      _____	=      _____

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES WILL BE CHARGED FOR A 1" METER.**

<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Service Line – Meter Size</u>
34 or less	1" service line = 1" meter
Greater than 34	1-1/4" service line = 1" meter

**THE PLUMBER MUST SIZE THE HOUSE ACCORDING TO THE WATER SUPPLY FIXTURE CALCULATIONS.**



## INSPECTION LIST NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

**\*POST THE ADDRESS, LOT & PERMIT NUMBER IMMEDIATELY\***

The Cut-off time for scheduling inspections for the next day is **3:00 p.m.** Cancellations called in after 8:30 a.m. will be charged a re-inspection fee and the contractor is responsible for rescheduling the inspection (No Exceptions).

❖ **ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY.**

### **BUILDING INSPECTIONS:**

- FOOTING
- FOUNDATION WALL
- BACKFILL - \*See Note
- GARAGE FLOOR
- BASEMENT FLOOR - \*See Note
- DRIVEWAY
- APRON
- FRONT STOOP – (When in excess of 9 square feet or being used for structural support.)
- PUBLIC WALK
- HOUSEWRAP – \*See Note
- DECK PIERS, ROUGH & FINAL DECK
- ROUGH-IN
- INSULATION
- FINAL

## **ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS:**

- SERVICE
- UNDERGROUND
- ROUGH-IN
- FINAL

## **PLUMBING INSPECTIONS:**

- STORM SEWER CONNECTION
- WATER & SANITARY SEWER TAP-ON
- UNDERGROUND
- ROUGH-IN
- FINAL

## **WATER/SEWER INSPECTIONS:**

- FINAL – REMOTE HOOK-UP

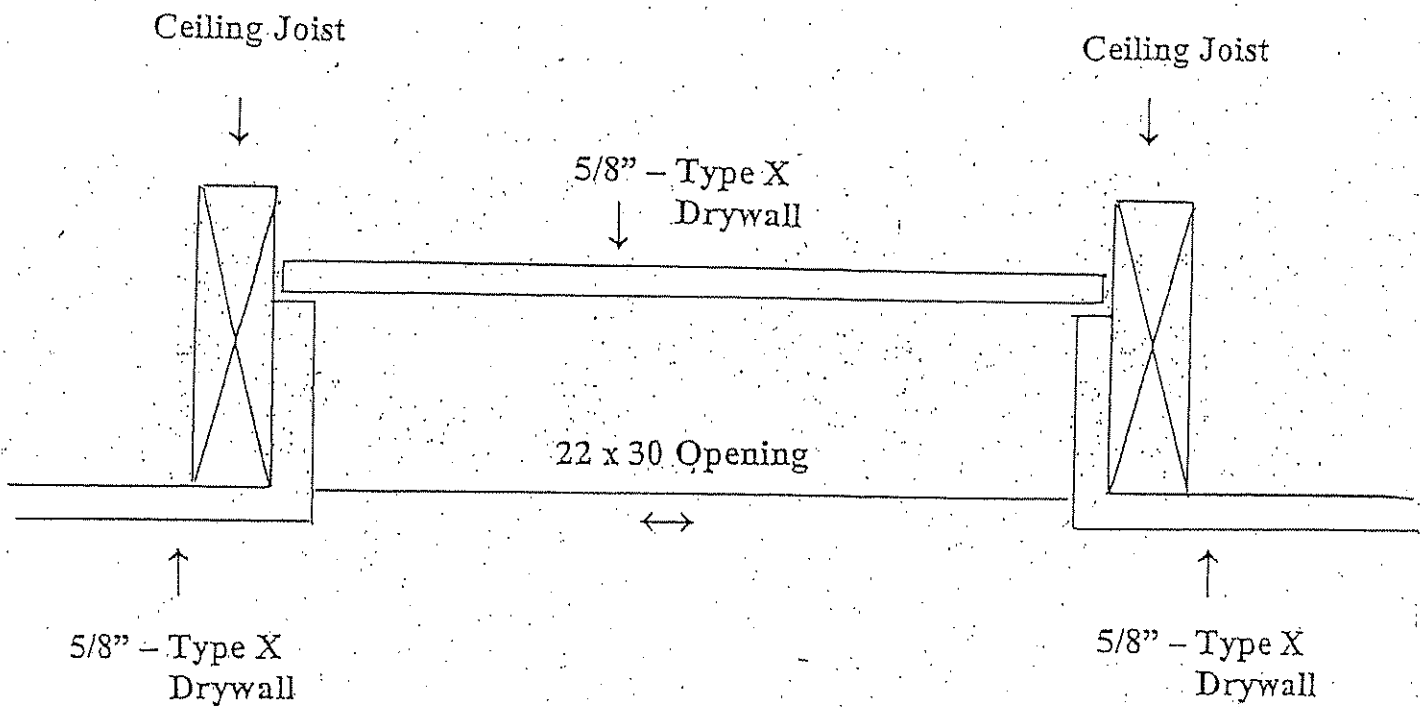
## **GENERAL NOTES:**

- Spot survey must be approved **24 hours** prior to Backfill inspection, E-mail an electronic copy (pdf format) to [building@goplainfield.com](mailto:building@goplainfield.com).
- Allow **5** days for foundation wall curing prior to Backfill inspection.
- Underground plumbing inspection must be approved prior to Basement Floor Inspection.
- All Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC must be completed by Rough inspection.
- Entire building envelope must be watertight.
- Exterior completed and interior in a move-in condition by Final inspection.
- HVAC inspections are inspected at the Rough and Final building inspections.
- Re-inspection fees are applied, if an inspection does not pass.
- If exterior covering is started prior to rough inspection (i.e. siding, brick, and EIFS) then a house wrap inspection is required.
- Separate deck, patio and finished basement permits will be required if not included on the house plan.
- Submit the Final Grade Survey for approval in paper format or digital format (No larger than 11 x 17), E-mail an electronic copy (pdf format) to [building@goplainfield.com](mailto:building@goplainfield.com), **24 hours** prior to scheduling a Final inspection.

❖ **A MINIMUM “24 HOUR” NOTICE IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.**

# VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD

## GARAGE ACCESS DETAIL





## **MXU (Remote Meter Reader) Conduit and Wiring Requirements**

An open-ended section of conduit is to be installed from an outside wall of the house/building continuous to the water meter. The location of the outside open end should be at least 1' foot from the edge of the building and at least 3' feet above finished grade. The inside conduit open end should be within 1' foot of the water meter. Also have installed in conduit 22 gauge 4 conductor solid wire, with at least 3' feet extra exposed at the water meter and at least 3' feet exposed at the flush mounted conduit on the outside of the house.

# VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD

## KEY AND THROUGH LOT REQUIREMENTS

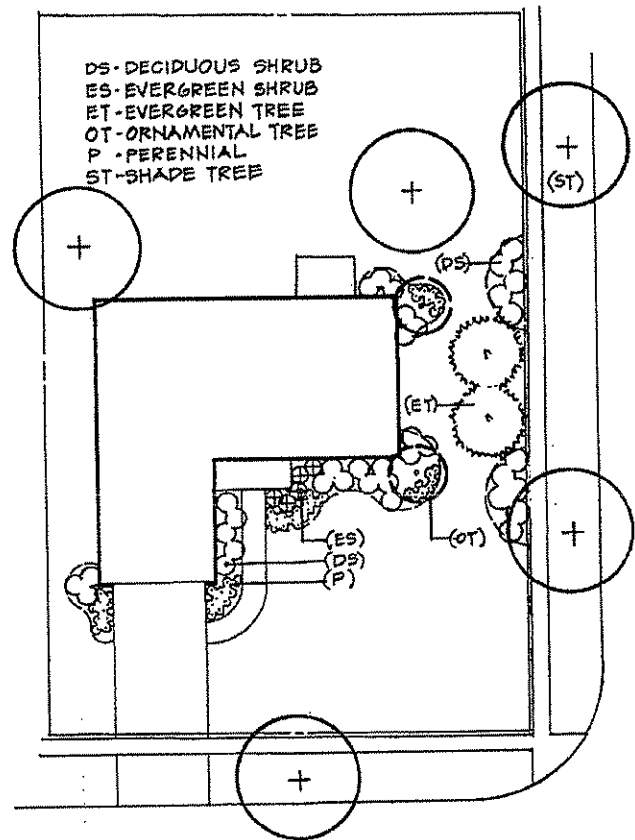
All key and through lots will be reviewed by Planning staff to ensure compliance with the annexation agreement and the PUD design guidelines.

### Key and through lot review requirements:

- **Plat of survey**
- **Elevations** with the materials clearly marked. Note that key lots are not to have standard elevations and through lots are to have enhanced rear elevations.
- **Landscape plan** – this can be hand drawn but has to identify the type and location of vegetation. The image to the right is an acceptable landscape plan.

Check with the developer for **additional design requirements** for key and through lots. It is the contractor's responsibility to meet these requirements prior to submitting the permit application. For more information, contact the Planning staff at (815) 439-2824.

Key and through lots may take an additional week to process, if all required documents are submitted with the application. If any documents are missing, incomplete or do not meet the guidelines, the permit process will be delayed.



### Definitions

*(Illustrated in the PUD Design Guidelines)*

**Key lot:** *A lot in a residential development sited in a highly visible location that is to be treated in an architecturally significant manner, including additional or special landscaping. The use of 50% brick or stone on key elevations is to be part of the architectural design.*

**Through lot:** *A lot in a residential development having frontage on a public or private right-of-way abutting both its front and rear yards. The design of the rear elevations shall have additional architectural detailing and articulation. Through lots may require additional landscaping, check with the developer.*

**Key-Through lot:** *A lot in a residential development sited in a highly visible location that also has frontage on a public or private right-of-way abutting both of its front and rear yards. Comply with all requirements for both key and through lots.*

## Illinois Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act

Effective **January 1, 2007**, every dwelling unit will be required to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Alarms can be battery powered, plug-in with battery back-up or wired into the AC power line with a secondary battery back-up. The alarm can be combined with smoke detecting devices if the combined unit complies with specific standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard.

### The Law

The Illinois General Assembly has passed and the Governor has signed the Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act (Public Act 094-0741). This new law, effective January 1, 2007, requires homeowners and landlords to install carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings containing bedrooms and sleeping facilities.

The primary features of the law are:

- Every “dwelling unit” must be equipped with at least one operable carbon monoxide alarm within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.
- The alarm may be combined with smoke detecting devices provided the unit complies with respective standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard.
- A “dwelling unit” means a room or suite of rooms used for human habitation, and includes single family residences, multiple family residences, and mixed use buildings.
- If a structure contains more than one “dwelling unit,” an alarm must be installed within 15 feet of every sleeping room in each “dwelling unit.”
- The owner must supply and install all required alarms. A landlord must ensure that the alarms are operable on the date of initiation of a lease. The tenant is responsible for testing and maintaining the alarm after the lease commences.
- A landlord is required to furnish one tenant per dwelling unit with written information regarding alarm testing and maintenance.
- Willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any alarm is a Class B criminal misdemeanor.
- The Act does exempt certain residential units from the requirement. Those residential units in a building that (i) does not rely on combustion of fossil fuel for heat, ventilation or hot water; (ii) is not connected to a garage; and (iii) is not sufficiently close to any ventilated source of carbon monoxide to receive carbon monoxide from that source OR a residential unit that is not sufficiently close to any source of carbon monoxide so as to be at risk of receiving carbon monoxide from that source, as determined by the local building commissioner shall NOT require carbon monoxide detectors.



## *Water Conservation*

In order to help maintain a sufficient amount of water for drinking and fire protection the Village of Plainfield in 1999 enacted a year round ordinance that allows outside water use as follows:

- Lawn sprinkling for **even** numbered addresses on **even** numbered calendar days between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and/or 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Lawn sprinkling for **odd** numbered addresses on **odd** numbered calendar days between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and/or 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- The watering of gardens, trees, shrubs, and flowers (by use of a hand held hose or watering can) is permitted any time.

### **New Sod or Seed**

- The **first day** sod or seed is placed; the property owner may water the sod/seed for any eight (8) hours.
- For the **next nine** (9) days, the property owner may water the sod or seed every day between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Following the first ten (10) days, the odd/even watering restrictions will apply.

If you have underground sprinklers installed, please advise the contractor of these times so the timers may be set for the appropriate days and times.

The Public Works Department recommends the following techniques to get the maximum benefit from your outdoor water use:

- Water in the morning. This gives plants a chance to dry off before evening, thus discouraging many plant ailments.
- Do not cut grass too short in hot weather. Allow grass to grow to three inches in height. This provides shade for roots and helps minimize water loss.
- Position sprinkling devices so as not to water paved areas. Move sprinkling devices periodically and lower the water pressure to reduce runoff.

Penalties for watering violations are as follows:

- The first watering violation at the residence receives a yellow warning notice.
- After a residence receives a second yellow watering violation notice, a \$75.00 fine is generated and sent to the home by the Police Department.
- Subsequent violations at the residence generate a \$75.00 fine for each offense.

If you have any questions about this water conservation measure please contact the Public Works Department at 815-436-3577.