


BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION
Columbia County Land Development Services

230 Strand, St. Helens, OR 97051

PH: 503-397-1501 Email: building@columbiacountyor.gov

Permits expire if work is not started within 180 days of issue or if work is suspended for 180 days. **Permits are valid 6 months.** Extensions must be approved in writing. **Plan reviews are considered abandoned after 180 days.**

TYPE OF WORK

- ☐ New construction ☐ Demolition
- ☐ Addition/alteration/replacement ☐ Other:

CATEGORY OF CONSTRUCTION

- ☐ 1- and 2-family dwelling ☐ Commercial/industrial
- ☐ Accessory building ☐ Multi-family
- ☐ Master builder ☐ Other:

JOB SITE INFORMATION AND LOCATION

Job site address:

City/State/ZIP:

Suite/bldg./apt. no.:

Project name:

Directions to job site:

Subdivision:

Lot no.:

Map/parcel# and Tax Acct:

DESCRIPTION OF WORK☐ **PROPERTY OWNER**☐ **TENANT**

Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

PH:

E:

☐ **APPLICANT**☐ **CONTACT PERSON**

Business name:

Contact name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

PH:

E:

CONTRACTOR

Notice: All contractors and subcontractors are required to be licensed with the Oregon Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701 and may be required to be licensed in the jurisdiction in which work is being performed. If placing a pre-owned structure, provide copy of ownership documents.

Business name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

PH:

E:

CCB # or MDI #:

Signature:

Road Access Approvals - OFFICE USE ONLY**Fire Department Approvals - OFFICE USE ONLY**

Permit #

Fire Department:

Road Temp. Date:

Final Date:

Fire Temp. Date:

Final Date:

OFFICE USE ONLY**Permit No. 192-**

Issue Date:

By:

REQUIRED DATA: ONE & TWO FAMILY DWELLING

Valuation of proposed work: \$

Number of bedrooms:

Number of bathrooms:

Total number of floors:

New dwelling area:

square feet

Garage / Carport area:

square feet

Covered porch area:

square feet

Deck area:

square feet

Other structure area:

square feet

Pole Building area:

square feet

REQUIRED DATA: COMMERCIAL USE

Valuation:

Existing Building Area:

square feet

New Building Area:

square feet

Number of Stories:

Type of Construction:

Existing Occupancy Groups:

New Occupancy Groups:

MANUFACTURED DWELLING PLACEMENT

Brand:

Model Year:

Size (Width & Length):

Number of bedrooms:

Number of bathrooms:

HUD License #

PERMIT FEES - OFFICE USE ONLY

Planning Release Fee

\$

Existing Septic Record Review

\$

Date: Plan Review Intake

\$

Additional Plan Review

\$

Fire & Life Safety Review

\$

Construction

\$

Plumbing

\$

Mechanical

\$

Engineering

\$

Manufactured Dwelling Fee

\$

MH - State Development Code

\$

Rural Address Assignment Fee

\$

Site Development Fee

\$

Erosion Control / Stormwater

\$

3 % Technology Fee

\$

12 % State Surcharge

\$

Transportation System SDC

\$

Parks System SDC

\$

5% SDC Administration Fee

\$

CET School Tax & Admin. Fee

\$

TOTAL DUE

\$

PLANNING APPROVAL**SUB-SURFACE SEWAGE APPROVAL****BUILDING APPROVAL**

Zoning:

Septic Permit:

Valuation: \$

Required Setbacks: Front:

Side:

Sign:

Date:

Sign:

Date:

Side:

Rear:

Conditions: Setbacks 5' from tank 10' from drain field.

Conditions:

Sign:

Date:

Conditions:

Receipt #

Ck#

___ Cash ___ Credit

Receipt #

Ck#

___ Cash ___ Credit

REQUIRED INFORMATION TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT IS ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM

Building Permit Checklist:

Step 1	Do you have a current Assessor's map and tax lot number of the property.	Col. Cty. Assessors Office:	503-397-2240
Step 2	Obtain Road Access Permit for Legal Access from your property onto an existing road.	Col. Cty. Road Department:	503-397-5090
Step 3	Draw a Site Plan for the proposed development. These drawings are suitable for review by all agencies.	See item 1 below for requirements	
Step 4	Obtain Approval from the Local Sewer District or Onsite Wastewater (Columbia County Sanitarian)	Col. County Land Dev. Svc.	503-397-1501
Step 5	Obtain Approval from Local Water District or Provide Proof of Adequate Water Supply (well, Community system, spring)	Varies on area	
Step 6	Obtain Approval from Local Fire Protection District	Varies on area	
Step 7	Obtain Approval from Land Use Planning	Col. County Land Dev. Svc.	503-397-1501

Plan Review Checklist: Required for plan review and compliance with OAR 918-020-0090

		YES	NO	N/A
1	Site Plan: Must be on paper size no larger than 11" x 17" (See attached <u>site plan checklist and example</u>): Complete, accurate and legible site plan clearly identifying all distances from property lines, septic tanks and drain fields including repair drain field, farm and forest areas, fire-breaks, natural features (i.e. cliffs, streams, ravines, etc.) roads and driveways, easements, wells, underground utilities, etc. Drawn with clear dimensions - larger parcels use an inset for your proposal.			
2	Building Plans: <u>Two (2) complete sets of legible plans (items A-G below) drawn and printed to scale (24" x 36" typical)</u> showing conformance to applicable local and state building codes. Plan review cannot be completed if copyright violations exist.			
A	Foundation Plan and Cross Section: Show footing and foundation dimensions, anchor bolts, any required hold downs, reinforcing steel, connection details, foundation vent size and location.			
B	Floor Plans: Show all dimensions, room identification, door and window sizes and locations, location of smoke/co detectors, water heater, HVAC equipment, ventilation fans, plumbing fixtures, balconies and decks, all exterior landings, etc.			
C	Cross Section and Details: Show all framing member sizes and spacing (floor beams, headers, joists, sub-floor, wall construction, roof construction). More than one cross section may be required. Show details of all wall and roof sheathing, roofing, roof slope, ceiling height, siding material, footings and foundations, stairs, fireplace construction, insulation, etc.			
D	Elevation Views: Provide elevations for new construction, minimum of two elevations for additions and remodels. Exterior elevations must reflect the actual grade if the change in grade is greater than 4 feet at building envelope.			
E	Wall Bracing (Prescriptive) and / or Lateral Analysis Plans: Building plans must show construction details and locations of all lateral brace panels and hold downs. For non-prescriptive path and analysis, provide specifications and calculations to engineering standards. Lateral design details and connections must be incorporated into the plans or on a separate full size sheet attached to the plans with cross-reference between plan location and details.			
F	Floor / Roof Framing: Floor and roof framing plans are required for all floors / roof assemblies indicating member sizing, spacing, bearing locations, nailing and connection details. Show attic ventilation.			
G	Basements and Retaining walls: Basement and retaining wall cross sections and details showing placement of reinforcing steel, drains and water proofing shall be provided. Engineered plans are required for any foundation or retaining wall exceeding 4 feet in height and for basement walls not complying with the prescriptive code requirements.			
3	Beam Calculations: Provide two sets of calculations using current code design values for all beams and multiple joists exceeding prescriptive code requirements, and/or any beam or joist carrying a non-uniform load.			
4	Manufactured Floor Truss Design Details and Layout with minimum code floor loads are required for Plan review. Manufactured Roof Truss Design Details and Layout with correct Snow Load for your site are required for Plan review.			
5	Energy Code Compliance for New Construction and Additions: Follow prescriptive envelope requirements in Chapter 11 of the ORSC, complete Envelope Requirements check sheet and sign.			
6	Engineer's Calculations: When required or provided, (i.e. shear wall, roof truss, foundation and / or retaining walls exceeding 4 feet) Shall be stamped by an Oregon licensed Engineer or Architect and shall be shown to be applicable to the project under review by cross-reference to the applicable plan location.			
READ	Moisture Control: <u>Prior to the installation of interior finishes</u> , by my initials, the owner, general contractor or authorized agent certifies that all moisture-sensitive wood framing members used in construction will have a moisture content of not more than 19% of the weight of dry wood framing members. ORSC R318.2			Initial Here:

Lead Paint: Federal law requires contractors that disturb painted surfaces in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Always ask to see your contractor's certification. Federal law requires that individuals receive certain information before renovating more than six square feet of painted surfaces in a room for interior projects or more than twenty square feet of painted surfaces for exterior projects or window replacement or demolition in housing, child care facilities and schools built before 1978.

Permits: In order to avoid a permit expiration or additional fees, request an inspection showing construction progress at intervals not exceeding 180 days or request in writing an extension within 180 days of receipt of your permit or previous inspection. Written request must demonstrate just cause and will be granted depending on circumstances.

SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION - Required for Certificate of Occupancy

Electrical Contractor Company:	CCB No.:	Ph:
Mechanical Contractor Company:	CCB No.:	Ph:
Plumbing Contractor Company:	CCB No.:	Ph:

Statement of Fact: I certify that the facts and information set forth in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification, misrepresentation or omission of fact (whether intentional or not) in this application or any other required document, as well as any misleading statement or omission, may be cause for revocation of permit and/or certificate of occupancy, regardless of how or when discovered. I acknowledge that work related to the Building Permit Application may be subject to regulations governing the handling, removal and/or disposal of asbestos and/or lead-based paint. If the work is subject to regulations governing asbestos and/or lead-based paint, I will comply with all such regulations.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____



Residential Energy Additional Measure Selection

2023 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC)

Compliance Checklist

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Date:

Building permit number:

Owner's name:

Job address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

INSTRUCTIONS

Please select the type of construction. If the project is an addition, select the applicable addition type and enter the selected measures accordingly; print and sign your name. Submit this form with your permit application or your project will be placed on hold until the required information is provided.

- ☐ **New construction.** All conditioned spaces within residential buildings shall comply with Table N1101.1(1), and one additional measure from Table N1101.1(2).

Note: If using Exception 3 of Section N1105.3 for the installation of ducts and air handling equipment, two additional measures shall be selected for compliance from Table N1101.1(2).

- ☐ **Additions.** Additions to existing buildings or structures may be made without making the entire building or structure comply if the new additions comply with the requirements of this chapter. [See ORSC Section N1101.3]

- ☐ **Large additions.** Additions that are more than or equal to 600 square feet in area are required to select one measure from Table N1101.1(2).

Enter the selected Table N1101.1(2) additional measure _____

- ☐ **Small additions.** Additions that are less than 600 square feet in area are required to select one measure from Table N1101.1(2) **or** select one measure from Table N1101.3.

☐ Selected Table N1101.1(2) additional measure _____

or

☐ Selected Table N1101.3 additional measure _____

- ☐ **Exception:** Additions that are less than 225 square feet in area are not required to comply with Table N1101.1(2) or Table N1101.3.

For reference Tables N1101.1(2) and N1101.3 are included in this form below.

Note: Depending on the additional measure you have selected, there may be sub-options that you will have to specify. Check the appropriate box if provided.

Applicant's printed name:

Applicant's signature:

MEASURE NO.	MEASURE DESCRIPTION
1	HIGH-EFFICIENCY HVAC SYSTEM^a a. Gas-fired furnace or boiler AFUE 94 percent, or b. Air source heat pump HSPF 10.0/16.0 SEER cooling or 8.5 HSPF2 / 15.0 SEER2, or c. Ground-source heat pump COP 3.5 or ENERGY STAR rated
2	HIGH-EFFICIENCY WATER HEATING SYSTEM a. Natural gas/propane water heater with minimum 0.90 UEF, or b. Electric heat pump water heater with minimum 3.45 UEF, or c. Natural gas/propane tankless/instantaneous heater with minimum 0.80 UEF and drain water heat recovery unit installed on minimum of one shower/tub-shower
3	WALL INSULATION UPGRADE Exterior walls—U-0.045/R-21 conventional framing with R-5.0 continuous insulation
4	ADVANCED ENVELOPE Windows—U-0.21 (Area-weighted average), and Flat ceiling ^b —U-0.017/R-60, and Framed floors—U-0.026/R-38 or slab edge insulation to F-0.48 or less (R-10 for 48"; R-15 for 36" or R-5 fully insulated slab)
5	DUCTLESS HEAT PUMP (Dwelling units with all-electric heat) a. Provide ductless heat pump of minimum HSPF 10.0 or HSPF2 9.0 in primary zone replaces zonal electric heat sources, and b. Provide programmable thermostat for all heaters in bedrooms
6	HIGH-EFFICIENCY THERMAL ENVELOPE UA^c Proposed UA is 8 percent lower than the code UA
7	2.75 ACH AIR LEAKAGE CONTROL AND EFFICIENT VENTILATION Achieve a maximum of ACH50 whole-house air leakage when third-party tested and provide a whole-house ventilation system, including 2.75 heat recovery with a minimum sensible heat recovery efficiency of not less than 66 percent and total fan efficacy of 1.6 CFM/Watt (combined input for supply and exhaust).

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.093 m², 1 watt per square foot = 10.8 W/m².

- Appliances located within the building thermal envelope shall have sealed combustion air installed. Combustion air shall be ducted directly from the outdoors.
- The maximum vaulted ceiling surface area shall not be greater than 50 percent of the total heated space floor area unless vaulted area has a *U*-factor not greater than U-0.026.
- In accordance with Table N1104.1(1), the Proposed UA total of the Proposed Alternative Design shall be a minimum 8 percent less than the Code UA total of the Standard Base Case.

TABLE N1101.3.2
SMALL ADDITION ADDITIONAL MEASURES

MEASURE NO.	MEASURE DESCRIPTION
1	Increase the ceiling insulation of the existing portion of the home as specified in Table N1101.2.
2	Replace all existing single-pane wood or aluminum windows to the <i>U</i> -factor as specified in Table N1101.2
3	Insulate the existing floor, crawl space or basement wall systems as specified in Table N1101.2 and install 100 percent of permanently installed lighting fixtures as CFL, LED or linear fluorescent, or a minimum efficacy of 40 lumens per watt as specified in Section N1107.2.
4	Test the entire dwelling with a blower door and exhibit not more than 4.5 air changes per hour @ 50 Pascals.
5	Seal and performance test the duct system.
6	Replace existing 80-percent AFUE or less gas furnace with a 94 -percent AFUE or greater system.
7	Replace existing electric radiant space heaters with a ductless mini split system with a minimum HSPF of 10.0 or HSPF2 of 9.0.
8	Replace existing electric forced-air furnace with an air source heat pump with a minimum HSPF of 9.5 or HSPF2 of 8.1.
9	Replace existing water heater with one of the following: a. Natural gas/propane water heater with minimum UEF 0.90, or b. Electric heat pump water heater with minimum 3.45 UEF.

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Physical Address: 445 Port Ave. St. Helens, OR 97051
503-397-1501

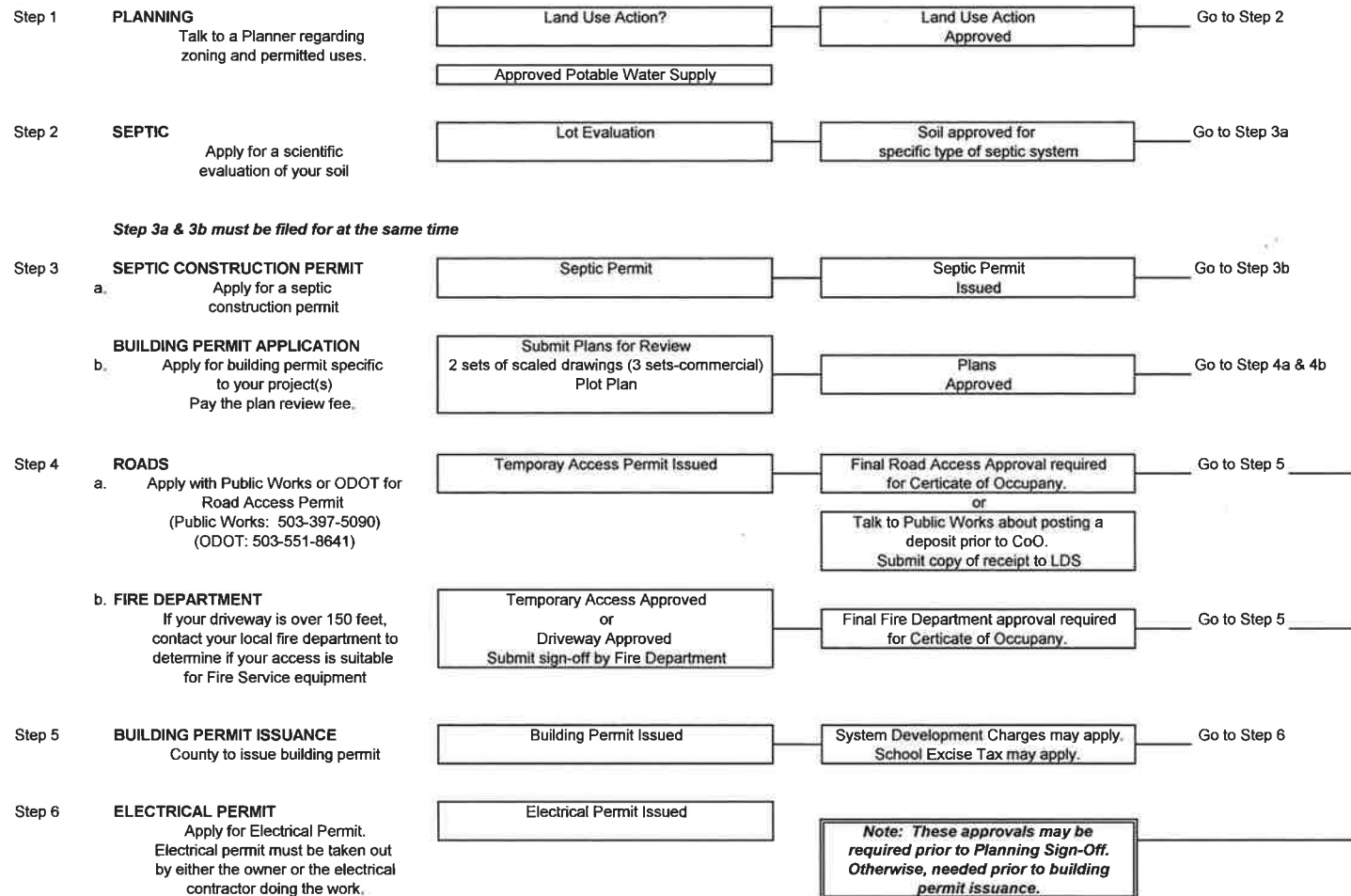
Planning@columbiacountyor.gov

building@columbiacountyor.gov

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No site development until site plan and building permits are approved.

STEPS TO FOLLOW FOR ACQUIRING PERMITS:



Note: Final occupancy is required once the home is completed.
Temporay while building must be obtained to stay in an RV while building - valid 1 year.

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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR SITE PLAN

The #1 reason for delays in approving permit applications is incomplete Site Plans. Please refer to checklist inside.

A site plan is needed to review your development proposal for zoning, addressing, sanitation, and building requirements. Producing a complete site plan will take a little time, but time spent now will speed up your application process later.

YOUR SITE PLAN MUST BE ON AN 11" X 17" SHEET OF PAPER.

(No blue print stock)

- Please, use the blank form provided in this guide •

Five Tips Before You Start

1. Talk to a Planner

Prior to submitting a development application, meet with a planner to discuss potential land use issues and required setbacks. Planners are available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday, or you can call (503) 397-1501.

2. Check Your Records

To help you create your site plan, get a copy of the Assessor's tax map that shows your property configuration, as well as other sources of information such as aerial photos, deed and title records, an appraiser's report, or surveys.

3. Tools You Will Need

Before beginning, you will need an engineer's scale, for measuring distances, scaling your site plan and to serve as a straightedge. An engineer's scale can be purchased at an office supply store. Use a pencil or pen.

4. Draw to a Scale Divisible by 10

A uniform drawing scale is important to accurately display how various elements of your development proposal fit together.

- An example of a drawing scale is 1"=50'- in other words, every 50' on your property will equal 1" on your site plan. This will allow you to measure distances on your property and draw them proportionally on your site plan. You **MUST** use a Standard Engineer Scale—i.e. 1" = 10', 20', 30', 40', 50', 60' or 100'. See Option 1 and Option 2 inside this guide for samples of site plans with drawing scales.

5. Keep a Copy

Once your site plan drawings are complete, make a copy of them for your personal records.

- You can use the same site plan each time you apply for new development projects.

Columbia County Land Development Services

Building Site Plan Checklist

This site plan will be used by all departments and must be accurate

RESIDENTIAL CHECKLIST

Accurate site plan, clearly identifying all distances from property lines, septic tanks and drain fields, farm and forest areas, large natural features (i.e. cliffs, streams, ravines, etc.) roads and driveways, easements, wells, underground utilities, etc. Drawn with clear dimensions - larger parcels use an inset for proposal.

PAPER SIZE MUST BE 11"x17" ONLY!

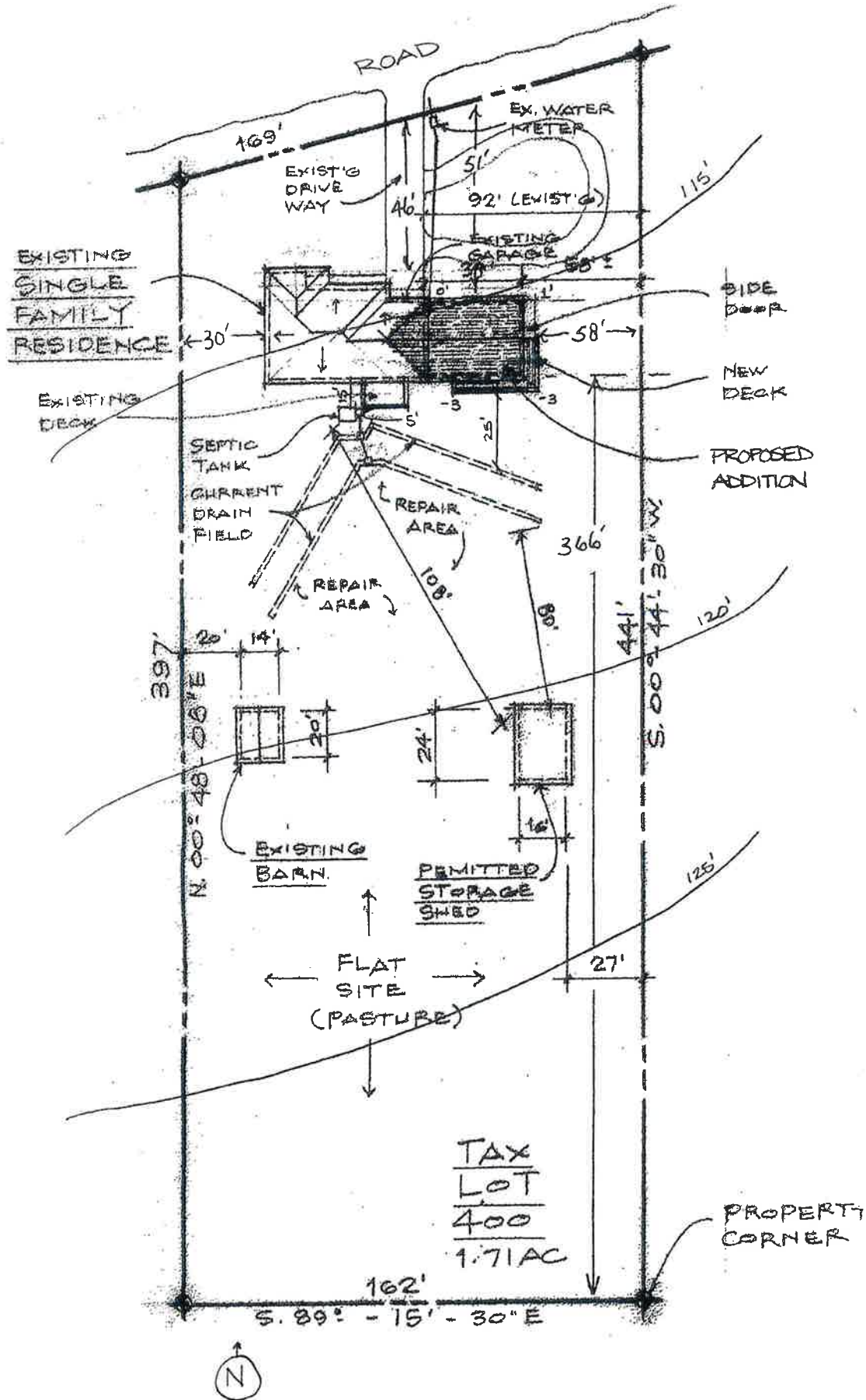
- ☐ Site plan to scale, with scale ratio clearly labeled
- ☐ Property dimensions - accurately defined property lines with dimensions included
- ☐ North arrow
- ☐ All existing and proposed structures - labeled (including decks and porches etc.)
- ☐ Distances from all property lines to existing and proposed buildings or structures
- ☐ Driveway length and width (proposed and existing)
- ☐ Roads (labeled and existing) with right of way dimensions & their relationship to the driveway
- ☐ Easements - utility, ingress/egress, septic, fire break (if applicable), etc.
- ☐ Location of water source (well, community system or municipal)
- ☐ Water features - wetlands, streams, ponds, creeks etc.
- ☐ Fire buffer zones (applicable for forest zoned PF-80 properties only)
- ☐ Flood plain: Yes ☐ No ☐ FPD permit # (if applicable) _____
- ☐ Septic system location - including tank, drain field and repair area
- ☐ Natural features - escarpments, ravines, steep slopes or cut banks
- ☐ Distances from proposed structures to septic system components
- ☐ Distances between existing and proposed structures
- ☐ Topography - direction and % of slope and elevations of contour lines (note on site plan if flat)
- ☐ Corner elevations of proposed structures clearly circled
- ☐ If known, any planned drain locations (rain drains, curtain drains, etc.)
- ☐ Other _____

COMMERCIAL CHECK LIST IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE

- ☐ Site plans **must** be to scale *and* provide one copy on 11"x17" in addition
- ☐ Establish street grades & proposed finished grades (if more than a 4' change in elevation the plan must show contour line at 2' intervals)
- ☐ Site plan shall be drawn in accordance with an accurate boundary line survey
- ☐ Site plan must show lot and building setback dimensions
- ☐ Show building footprint and building coverage area - percent of coverage
- ☐ Parking plan
- ☐ Drainage plan
- ☐ Sign location
- ☐ Fire hydrants
- ☐ Other _____

Permit # _____
Project location _____
Planner _____
Permit Tech _____
Date _____

Sample



Calculating Slope

The slope of property is used when applying code requirements. It will also help you determine foundation wall heights, fill and grade quantities and other information for your property. Slope is defined in several ways (degrees, rise/run, and percent). Accurately determining the slope of your property is key to getting the proper information on any requirements that may or may not apply to your project.

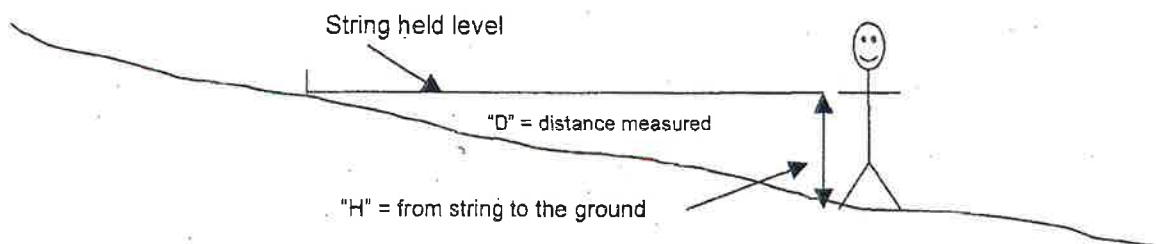
How to calculate the slope on your property.

First gather the items you will need:

- A tape measure: at least 50' if possible
- Some string, stakes and a hammer
- A string level
- A helper

Measuring Slope.

- Find the uphill spot where any development will occur on the property.
- Drive a stake in the ground to mark this spot, and measure downhill, across the slope 50' to 100'.
- Place a second stake at that location.
- Tie the string to the first stake and stretch it to the second stake.
- Have your helper place the string level on the string somewhere near the center.
- You will need to tighten and raise the string until the string is level.
- While holding the string in that position, have your helper measure the distance between the string and the ground at the location of your second stake.



Calculating Slope.

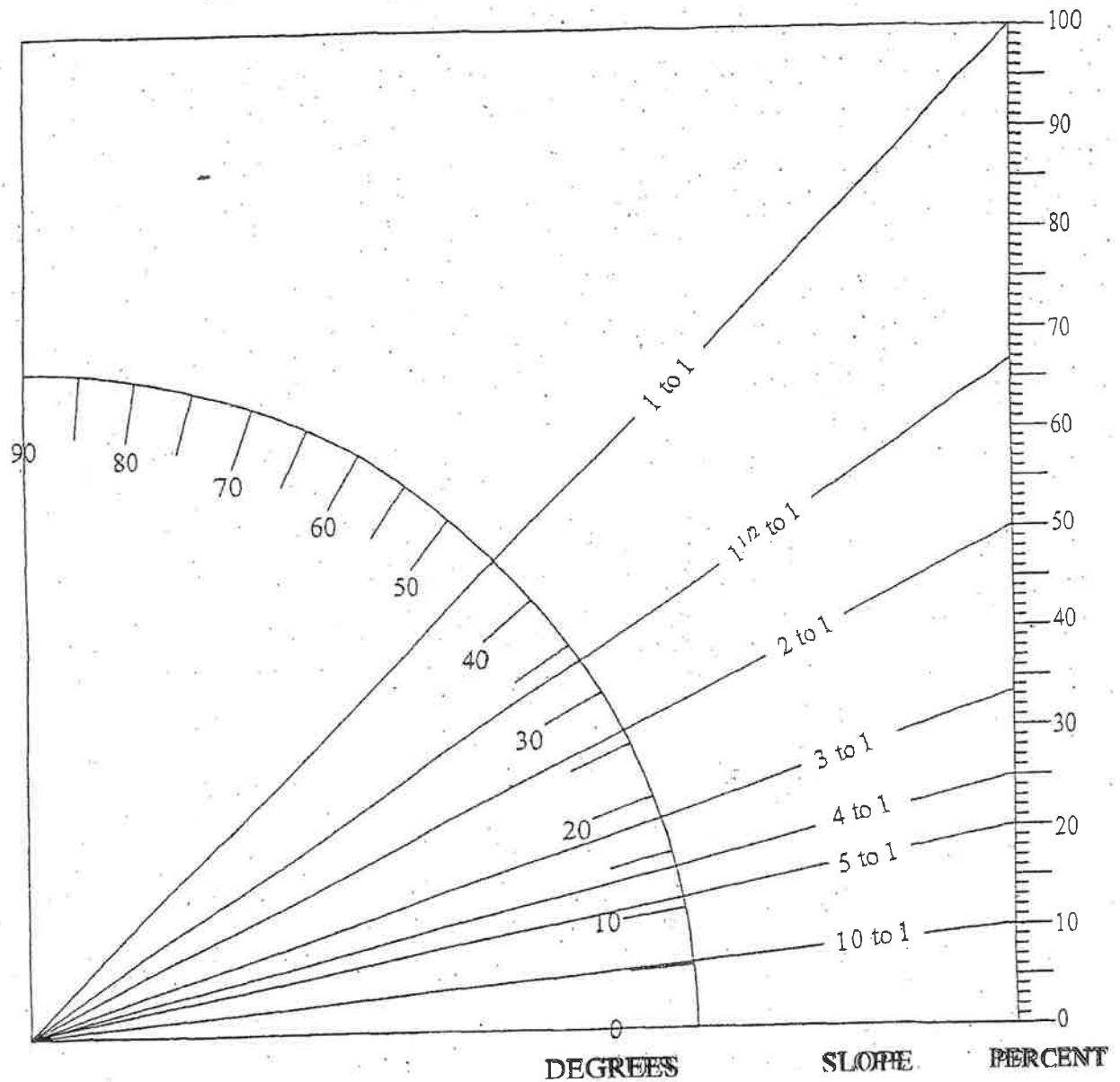
Convert your dimensions (H and D) to the same dimension (inches or feet).

Calculate the slope using the following formula: $\frac{H}{D} \times 100 = \text{slope in percent.}$

Use the chart on the back of this form to convert your calculated slope into degrees or rise / run.

Calculating Slope

GRADE COMPARISON CHART



SITE PLAN SUBMITTAL FORM

OWNER NAME: _____	Map and Taxlot #: _____	APPLICANT NAME: _____
PHONE # _____	_____	PHONE # _____
ADDRESS: _____	Scale: _____	ADDRESS: _____
_____		_____
_____		_____

NOTICE: The applicant is ultimately responsible for completing new work in accordance with this site plan once approved. Approval of construction inspections shall not be construed as approval of work not in accordance with this site plan. Work that deviates from this site plan shall be formally documented and approved through submission of a site plan amendment prior to commencing such work.

Indicate which
direction is north
with an arrow