

# CITY OF NOOKSACK

# RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

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All residental construction (new buildings, additions, remodels, etc.) requires a permit and inspections. The following information should help you through the permit process.

How to apply for a permit?
Fill out a permit application provided by the
Building Department and submit two copies
of your building plans.

What information is required?

### FORMS:

<u>Building Permit Application</u> - Fill out all applicable information. Be complete and accurate.

#### PLANS:

Complete, clean and readable plans are essential. Site plans should be to scale and show all setbacks to the foundation.

The following drawings will be required for most projects. Plans must be readable:

- 1) Site Plan
- 2) Foundation Plan
- 3) Floor Plan(s)
- 4) Building Cross Section(s) Detail
- 5) Elevations

Are other permits required?

If your project involves electrical work, a permit is required from the WA State Dept. of Labor & Industries. Please ask about your specific project's needs.

How long will it take?

Our goal is to have your residential permit ready in two weeks, but it varies. The best thing you can do to speed things along is to provide detailed, legible information when you first apply. Incomplete plans will cause delays. We will call you when your permit is ready.

Do I need an architect or engineer?

Not necessarily, but buildings on steep sites or buildings of unsual size, shape, materials, walls with lots of windows, or other features may require an architect or engineer to "stamp" the plan.

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What fees can be expected?

Fees are established by ordinance, and adopted by the City Council. Typical fees may include: Water and sewer, building permit, plan check, mechanical and plumbing. Fees will be calculated during the review process. Call for a fee estimate, if needed for your planning.

## Will the permit expire?

Yes. A permit application expires if not issued within 180 days of the date of application. An issued permit expires if work is not started (and an inspection done to confirm progress) within 180 days of permit issue, or if no inspections are requested for any period of 180 days. If your project in interruped, the permit can be extended only once, if requested in writing before the permit or application expires.

What inspections should I expect?
Each project requires different set of inspections.
Typically, the may include:

- A) Footings and setbacks after excavation is done and forms and rebar are in place, and before concrete is poured.
- B) Foundation walls before walls are poured.
- C) Rough plumbing and mechanical and electrical after the structure is closed-in (windows, roof, etc.) but before these systems are covered by insulation. drywall, and so on. (Electrical permits and inspections are done through WA Dept L&I)

- Framing after framing is complete and any wiring, plubming and ductwork are installed.
- F) Energy Code Insulation, windows, sealing, and vent fans inspected at the appropriate times.
- F) Final after all work is completed, including decks, steps, attic insulation, electrical fixtures and applicances.

If any inspection cannot be approved, the inspector will always leave a written correction notice. Please make the corrections and call again to schedule a re-inspection.

How to request a inspection?

Please call the building department at least 24 hours in advance, if possible, at (360) 966-2531. Have your information ready, address and permit number. Our goal is to have the inspector there by the next day.

What if I have code questions?
The Building Official is available to answer your questions at our counter or on the phone (360) 966-2531. If the Building Offical isn't available, leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.