



## **City of Brecksville**

### **New House Application Requirements.**

#### **PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING FOR A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING PERMIT:**

1. A completed "Application for Permit / Plan Approval" application. Fill in all data, sign, and date application.
2. Two (2) complete sets of detailed house plans, which must include a minimum of all four elevations, floor plans for all levels and a typical wall section.
3. A completed "System Description Form".
4. A completed RES check – signed and dated **or** energy code compliance information.
5. Six (6) copies of the Topo and two (2) copies of the tree savings plan. AC shall be depicted on the topo and shown in the rear of the house.

**\*\*\*\*\* Note: A \$500 Deposit is required at the time of submittal. \*\*\*\*\***  
**Any unencumbered funds will be returned.**

When all of the above are submitted, the 10-day waiting period begins. The applicant will be given a sign to post. The Building Department will verify the sign is posted. At the end of the waiting period and when the plans have been approved, the general contractor or owner pays the permit fees. The excavator then needs to stop by the Building Department for a letter to take to the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineers office authorizing the installation of the sanitary sewers for the particular location.

# Office of the Building Department

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT / PLAN APPROVAL

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ Permit/Approval Number: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENTIAL

COMMERCIAL

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (OWNER OR COMPANY NAME) hereby make application for approval to erect, build, alter, renovate, etc as described in this application and the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this application.

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Own. Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Scope of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Square Footage: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### General Contractor:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Ohio Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Other# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Contractors:

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

The acceptance of the Permit herein applied for shall constitute an agreement on OUR - MY part to abide by all of the conditions herein contained and to comply with Ordinances of the City of Brecksville and the laws of the State of Ohio relating to the work to be done thereunder; and said agreement is a condition of said permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner OR Contractor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Rev: 1/2014

**CITY OF BRECKSVILLE  
2014 CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION  
9069 BRECKSVILLE ROAD  
BRECKSVILLE, OHIO 44141  
440-526-2630**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:**

- ◆ Provide an original, **SIGNED**, \$25,000 Surety Bond which must expire December 31, 2014. **IT SHOULD BE ON THE CITY OF BRECKSVILLE'S BOND FORM, ALONG WITH POWER OF ATTORNEY. NO CONTINUATION CERTIFICATES.**
- ◆ Provide a Certificate of Insurance – General liability, property damage and **automobile** liability including hired and non-owned automobile liability insurance with coverage of each at least \$500,000.00. We do not have to be named “additional insured”.
- ◆ Include a check for **\$75.00** payable to “City of Brecksville”
- ◆ **ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, and HVAC CONTRACTORS ONLY**, must provide a copy of a license from the State.
- ◆ Your company name must appear **EXACTLY** the same on the **APPLICATION, SURETY BOND**, and **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**. It will be returned to you if not correct. (Example: ABC Co., Inc. and ABC Company, Incorporated, are not considered the same company.)
- ◆ Dual trades may be on the same bond using one application and having one fee.
- ◆ Submit the **SIGNED AND COMPLETED APPLICATION, SIGNED SURETY BOND, CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE, COPY OF LICENSE** (if applicable), **AND FEE ALL TOGETHER**. Your application will be returned if anything is missing.
- ◆ Any contractor who performs renovation, repairs, or painting (including window replacement) projects that disturb paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified by the EPA and must follow specific work practices as required by EPA to prevent lead contamination. Board of Health letter is attached. Links to the EPA website and brochure can be obtained on our website: <http://www.brecksville.oh.us/Depts/building.html>



**CITY OF BRECKSVILLE  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

9069 BRECKSVILLE ROAD, BRECKSVILLE, OHIO 44141  
TELEPHONE: 440-526-2630 FAX: 440-526-6322

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CELL NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
FEDERAL ID NUMBER/SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS

**OFFICERS OR PARTNERS OF COMPANY**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF CONTRACTOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNICIPALITIES REGISTERED IN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipality Number Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipality Number Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Municipality Number Date

Has your license or registration ever been suspended or revoked? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give date and locality \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVE THREE REFERENCES WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU: (Name, Address, Occupation).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Application

OFFICE USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_  
License Number Issued

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Issued

\_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt Number

**PLEASE BE SURE YOU ARE USING OUR BOND FORM AND THAT THE APPLICATION AND BOND ARE SIGNED AND DATED. BE SURE THE COMPANY NAME APPEARS EXACTLY THE SAME ON YOUR BOND, CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE, & APPLICATION. MAKE YOUR \$75.00 CHECK PAYABLE TO "CITY OF BRECKSVILLE". CONTINUATION CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

CONTRACTORS'S BOND  
CITY OF BRECKSVILLE

Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT

(Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ as principal,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ as surety, are held and firmly bound  
unto the City of Brecksville, or to any of its officers, for the use of any person, persons, firm or corporation with whom  
such principal shall contract to construct, alter, repair, add to, subtract from, reconstruct or remodel any building,  
structure or appurtenance thereto or any part thereof, in accordance with the provisions and the requirements of the  
Codified Ordinances of the City of Brecksville and any building codes adopted therein by reference, in the penal sum  
of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum well  
and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and  
severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed and Sealed and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

THE CONDITIONS OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, that, whereas the above bound  
(Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ has made application to the Commissioner  
of Building for a Certificate of Registration as a contractor to engage in business to construct, alter, repair, add to,  
subtract from, reconstruct or remodel any building, structure or appurtenance thereto or any part thereof in the City of  
Brecksville as required by the Building Code of Brecksville during the year beginning  
\_\_\_\_\_ and ending December 31, 20\_\_\_\_, and each contractor registering with the City  
of Brecksville has submitted a certificate of insurance showing that the contractor is carrying general liability, property  
damage and automobile liability including hired and non-owned automobile liability insurance with coverage of each  
at least \$500,000.00, with a valid commitment from the applicant's insurance carrier (which must be authorized to do  
business in the State of Ohio) that the City of Brecksville shall be given thirty days' written notice before cancellation,  
lapsing or voiding of any such policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said (Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ shall well and truly  
indemnify, keep and save harmless the City of Brecksville, or any of its agents or officials for the use of any person,  
persons, firm or corporation with whom such contractor shall contract to do work, and shall indemnify and pay any  
such person, firms or corporations for damage sustained on account of the failure of such contractor to perform or  
complete the work so contracted for or the failure to perform the work contracted for in accordance with the provisions  
of the Building Code of Brecksville and any other code adopted by reference by the City of Brecksville, and any and  
all lawful rules and regulations promulgated under the authority thereof, and from or by reason or on account of  
anything done under and by virtue of each and all permits issued under such registration for the doing of any work  
required to be done in the construction, alteration, repair, addition to, subtraction from, reconstruction or remodeling of  
any building, structure or appurtenance thereto or any part thereof, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise, the  
same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

PRINCIPAL:

SURETY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Power of Attorney Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

(Seal)

(Updated 10/2008)



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Health Commissioner



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## US EPA's Renovation, Repair and Paint Program synopsis

Beginning April 22, 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified by the EPA and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Contractors must use lead-safe work practices and follow these three simple procedures: contain the work area, minimize dust and clean up thoroughly. Also, there are pre-renovation education requirements as well. Individuals can become certified renovators by taking an eight-hour training course from an EPA-approved training provider.

### Requirements

- Anyone who receives financial compensation for work that disturbs paint in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, this may include, but is not limited to:
  - Residential rental property owners/managers
  - Building service professionals
  - General contractors
  - Special trade contractors (Painters, Plumbers, Carpenters, Electricians)
- All individuals performing the activities are either EPA certified contractor or working under an EPA certified contractor
- All activities are performed in a lead safe fashion
- Distribute lead pamphlet prior to work starting
- Post proper signage

### Exemptions

- Residential units or child occupying facilities built after 1978
- Dedicated senior housing or group housing for adults only
- Houses declared lead-free by a stated licensed lead risk assessor or paint inspector
- Minor work that disturbs less than 6 ft<sup>2</sup> of paint/room or less than 20 ft<sup>2</sup> of paint on the outside (window replacement is not considered minor maintenance/repair)
- Homeowners doing work on their own occupied residential unit
- Emergency renovations (imminent threat to the health and/or safety of the occupants or adjacent properties)

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## City of Brecksville System Description Form

**Site Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PP#** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Builder** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated cost:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Finished sq/ft.:** 1<sup>st</sup> floor \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lower level/basement \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

# Of fireplaces \_\_\_\_\_ Security system (yes) (no) \_\_\_\_\_ Vacuum system (yes) (no) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deck (yes) (no) \_\_\_\_\_ Fence (yes) (no) \_\_\_\_\_

### Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System Description

1. Furnace(s) Number _____	Location: Basement _____	Garage _____	Attic _____	Other _____					
2. Furnace AFUE rating:	80% _____	90%+ _____							
3. Furnace(s) BTU's:	_____								
4. Fuel type:	Natural gas _____	Electric _____	Other _____						
5. Duct work type:	Sheet metal _____	Flex _____	Other _____						
6. Air conditioner(s) capacity:	_____ Ton	_____ Ton	_____ Ton						
7. AC(s) SEER rating:	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	(Note: Must be located in rear)
8. Location of gas meter:	Front yard _____	Rear yard _____	Side yard _____						
9. Gas piping type:	Steel _____	Copper _____	CSST _____	Other _____					

### Plumbing System Description

Description	Count	Description	Count	Description	Count
Bath tub		Hot water dispenser		Shower	
Backflow device		Kitchen/ Bar sink		Sump pump	
Dishwasher		Laundry tray		Washer automatic	
Expansion tank		Lavatory sink		Water closet	
Floor drains		Pressure reducing valve		Water heater	
Garbage disposal		Sewage grinder		Whirlpool tub	
Building drain size: _____ 4 inch _____ 6 inch					
Water service size: _____ ¾ inch _____ 1 inch _____ 1 ¼ inch _____ 2 inch _____ other					
Water service material: _____ copper _____ pvc/plastic _____ other					

### Electrical System Description

Service: ( ) Underground ( ) Overhead
Service size in amps: ( ) 100 ( ) 125 ( ) 150 ( ) 200 ( ) other
Service conductor size:
Service conductor type: ( ) alum ( ) copper
Grounding electrode conductor size: ( ) #6 ( ) #4 ( ) other
Grounding electrode type: ( ) water ( ) rebar ( ) rod

\*\*\*\*\*Attach load calculation per NEC 220\*\*\*\*\*

### Energy compliance path- check one

- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (RES Check)  
 RCO – sections 1101 through 1104  
 The Ohio Home Builder's Association Alternative Code Option.



**City of Brecksville Residential Building Codes**  
**Effective January 1, 2013:**

- 2013 Residential Building Code of Ohio
- 2011 Ohio Plumbing Code
- 2011 National Electrical Code

**Additional City Requirements**

- Check with the Building Dept for required setbacks- varies by Zoning District. 1151.24
- Brick or stone required on exposed portions of foundations- stamped concrete is allowed. 1119.09e
- Chimney & vents – stone or brick is required on the exterior- simulated materials are allowed. 1119.09f
- Air conditioning units & generators shall be located in the rear of the house- side yard not allowed. 1326.01-.02
- Public sidewalks are required. 1119.09d
- Hard surface driveway to attached and detached garages is required. 1183.15a
- Driveways- Minimum 8 ft, max 20 ft wide. Located a minimum of 3 ft. from lot lines. Maximum slope is 12%. 1119
- Maximum detached garage area is 660 sq/ft. All other detached structures limited to 144 sq/ft. 1151.25d
- Maximum fence height is 4 ft. 1185..03a
- Height limitations vary by zoning district – see included Brecksville City Ordinance 1181.





## **NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS**

PLEASE CALL THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE AT [440-526-2630](tel:440-526-2630) TO SCHEDULE INSPECTIONS. INSPECTIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED BY PERSONNEL ANSWERING THE PHONE. PLEASE HAVE THE PROJECT ADDRESS WHEN CALLING. INSPECTOR REQUESTS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE BEST AVAILABLE TIME SLOT.

### **TREE PROTECTION**

Required tree protection measures are in place prior to building permit being issued.

### **TEMPORARY ELECTRIC POLE**

Verify conductors, ground rod and GFCI.

Address must be posted on temporary pole.

### **SILT FENCE:**

Proper silt fence installation per approved topographic survey  
The silt fence is to be installed prior to excavation & maintained throughout construction.

### **FOOTER:**

Conducted just prior to concrete being poured. Temporary construction driveway must be in place at this time. City Engineer will verify location and elevation.

### **FOUNDATIONS WALLS:**

\*Poured walls-A pre-pour inspection is necessary to inspect rebar installation prior to pouring and after forms are set.

\*\*Masonry walls require a rebar inspection to verify size, location and spacing of vertical reinforcement. AKA – Mid wall inspection.

### **DRAIN TILE:**

Rigid 1500 lbs. crush or heavier. Elbows primed and glued.  
Cleanouts per Ohio Plumbing Code.

### **FOUNDATION:**

Prior to backfill - check parging, tarring, anchor bolts and insulation.

### **DOWNSPOUT:**

Schedule 40 or 3034 is acceptable. Cleanouts per Ohio Plumbing Code.

### **GRAVEL:**

Minimum 3/4" size with filter fabric or carried to within 12" of grade.

### **UNDERGROUND PLUMBING:**

Pipes to be water or air tested prior to pouring concrete with 10' head or 5 PSI on all drains and waste and a minimum 50 PSI on copper supply lines

### **ROUGH HEATING:**

All duct work sealed, insulated and cold air returns installed.  
Bath fans vented to outside air.

### **ROUGH PLUMBING:**

Pipes to be water or air tested as above. Mid-story supports and nail plates to be installed.

### **ROUGH ELECTRIC:**

All wiring of boxes, lights and smoke detectors before concealing per National Electric Code.

### **FRAMING**

Conducted after rough mechanicals are approved.

### **INSULATION:**

After all rough inspections are approved.

### **ELECTRIC SERVICE & UNDERGROUND:**

Verify lateral depth & conductor protection, electrode connection to footer rebar, bonding. Provide CEI work order # if available.

### **CONCRETE:**

Pre-pour - Driveways minimum 4", 6" apron to back of sidewalk.  
Sidewalk to be 5' wide with 3/8" slope over a minimum of 3" stone base. Basement & garage floors 4" of concrete over 6 mill visqueen.

### **FINAL INSPECTION:**

Carpentry, heating, electrical and plumbing completely installed and operational.

### **BUILDERS GRADE:**

City Engineer will verify grading in strict accordance with the approved Topo. Deviation from the approved topography shall require a re-submission to the City Engineer for re-approval. A re-inspection fee will be charged for each inspection after the initial meeting.

### **LANDSCAPING:**

Permit to be obtained by person performing work including sprinkler system after Builder's Grade is approved.

### **FINAL GRADE:**

Conducted after landscaper has completed work. Landscaper must not alter direction of overland flow of storm water or fill in, to any extent, any drainage swale.

### **SPECIAL INSPECTIONS:**

3<sup>rd</sup>. Party may be required- check with the Building Dept. (Soils, Geo tech, blower test, duct test)

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## § 1151.24 SCHEDULE OF YARD REGULATIONS FOR ONE-FAMILY LOTS.

<i>DISTRICT</i>	<i>MINIMUM FRONT YARD<sup>a</sup> DISTANCE (in feet) FROM:</i>		<i>SIDE YARDS<sup>a</sup> (in feet)</i>		<i>MINIMUM REAR YARD (in feet)</i>
	<i>Arterial or Collector</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Minimum Yard</i>	<i>Total 2 Yards</i>	
R-60	125	60 <sup>c</sup>	20 <sup>d</sup>	40	80
R-40	125	60 <sup>c</sup>	20 <sup>d</sup>	40	80
R-30	125	60 <sup>c</sup>	20 <sup>d</sup>	40	70
R-20	125	60 <sup>c</sup>	10	30	60
R-16	125 <sup>b</sup>	60 <sup>c</sup>	10	30	60
R-8	125 <sup>b</sup>	50 <sup>c</sup>	5	20	50
R-8A	125 <sup>b</sup>	25	5	20	50

## Notes to schedule:

- <sup>a</sup> A side yard adjacent to a street shall comply with the front yard requirements for the district in which the lot is located.
- <sup>b</sup> A front yard shall not abut an arterial or collector street; the setback requirement applies to a side yard adjacent to such street.
- <sup>c</sup> Unless established otherwise according to § 1151.23(a); and provided the maximum front yard complies with § 1151.23(a).
- <sup>d</sup> Required only on lots having a lot width of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) feet. Lots having a reduced non-conforming lot width shall maintain a minimum side yard of ten (10) feet and a total side yard of thirty (30) feet.

(Ord. 3443, approved by voters 11-7-95; Am. Ord. 3741, passed 7-20-99)



**CHAPTER 1181: HEIGHT DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

**Section**

- 1181.01 Establishment of height districts
- 1181.02 - 1181.10 [Reserved]
- 1181.11 Class One Height Districts
- 1181.12 [Reserved]
- 1181.13 Class Two Height Districts
- 1181.14 [Reserved]
- 1181.15 Class Three Height Districts

**Cross-reference:**

- Building and structures defined, see § 1113.06*
- Height of building defined, see § 1113.10*
- Zone Map established, Ch. 1135*

**§ 1181.01 ESTABLISHMENT OF HEIGHT DISTRICTS.**

(a) In order to carry out the purposes of this Zoning Code, the city is hereby divided into height districts which are either related to the use district enumerated elsewhere in this code, or are designated on the Zone Map by symbols and boundaries.

(b) Main and accessory buildings shall be erected, altered, moved or maintained only in accordance with the maximum height of building regulations established for each height district. ('64 Code, § 1181.01) (Ord. 2042, passed 12-20-72)

**§§ 1181.02 - 1181.10 [RESERVED].**

**§ 1181.11 CLASS ONE HEIGHT DISTRICTS.**

(a) The height of any main building or structure in a Class One Height District shall not exceed thirty (30) feet, except that not more than ten percent (10%) of the ground floor area may have a height not exceeding forty (40) feet, except as provided below.

In a R-30 District, residential dwellings shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height except that not more than twenty percent (20%) of the ground floor area may have a height not exceeding forty (40) feet. In a R-40 District, residential dwellings shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height except that not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the ground floor area may have a height not exceeding forty (40) feet. In a R-60 District, residential dwellings shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height except that not more than thirty percent (30%) of the ground floor area may have a height not exceeding forty (40) feet.

(b) The height of any accessory building shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet.

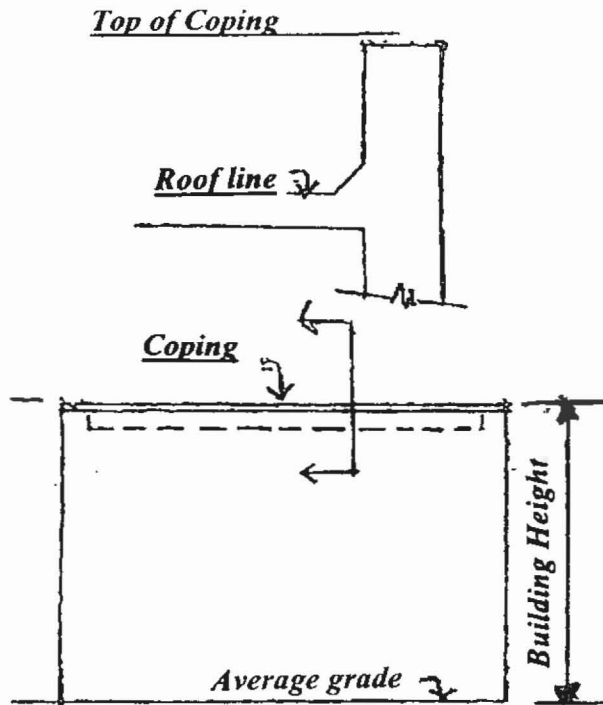
(c) All dormers, stairwells, elevator shafts, air conditioning units or other similar structures or equipment extending above the roof line of a building shall be provided with a solid cover with design conforming to the architectural style and materials of the building, and shall extend no more than ten (10) feet above the height of the building. ('64 Code, § 1181.11) (Ord. 2042, passed 12-20-72; Am. Ord. 4185, passed 7-5-05)

All Single family dwellings are Class One

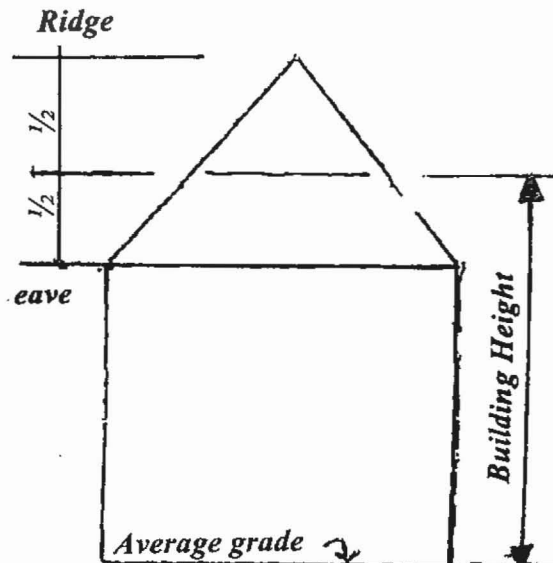


**§ 1113.10 HEIGHT OF BUILDING.**

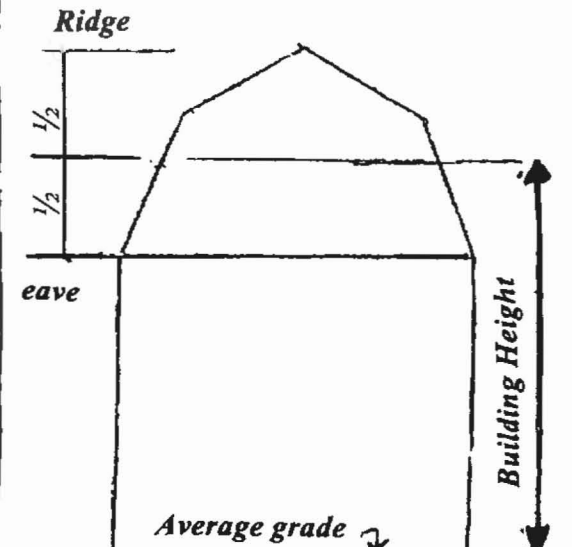
**HEIGHT OF BUILDING.** The vertical distance measured from the highest point of the coping of a flat roof, or the vertical distance measured from the average level between the eaves and ridge of a pitched roof, **to the average finished grade.** ('64 Code, § 1113.10) (Ord. 2043, passed 12-20-72)



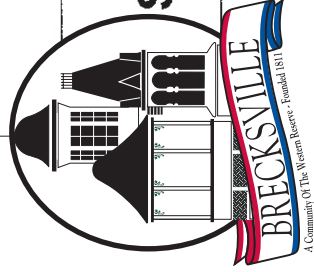
**Flat Roof**  
No Scale



**Pitched Roof**  
No Scale



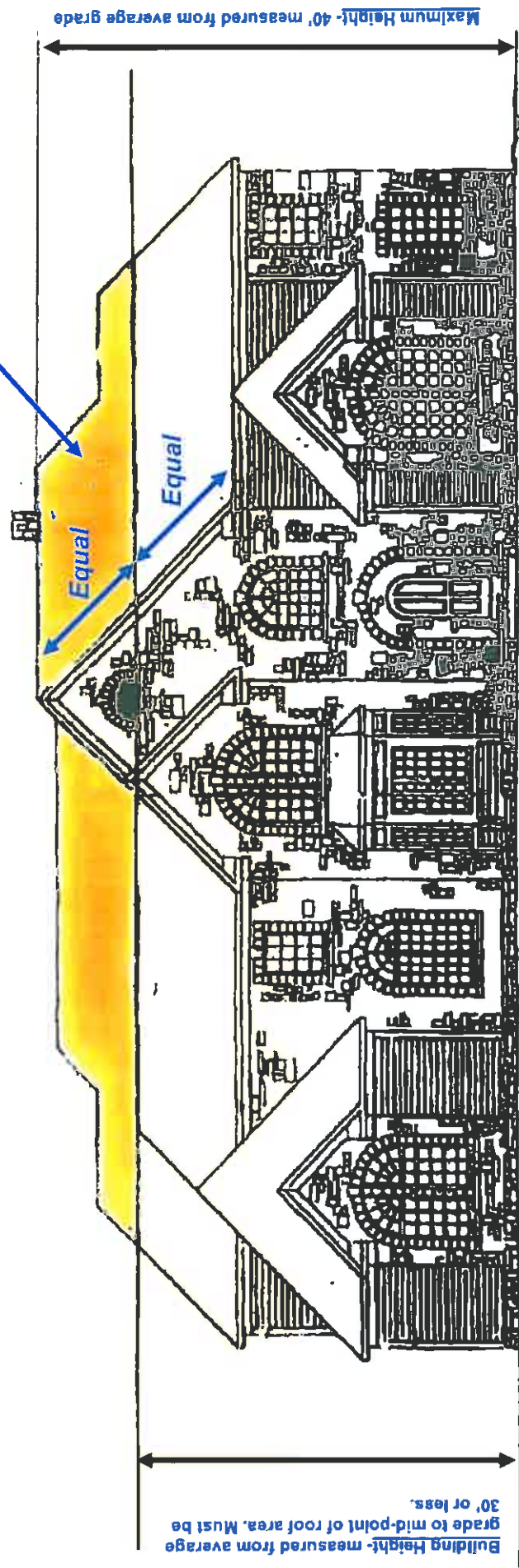
**Gambrel Roof**  
No Scale



# City of Brecksville Sample Height Guide

**Max Area over 30' height**  
**By Zoning classification**  
 R-60 = 30%  
 R-40 = 25%  
 R-30 = 20%  
**All others = 10%**

**Area of roof over 30' - measured from average grade - is limited by Zoning district. See the following page for sample information.**



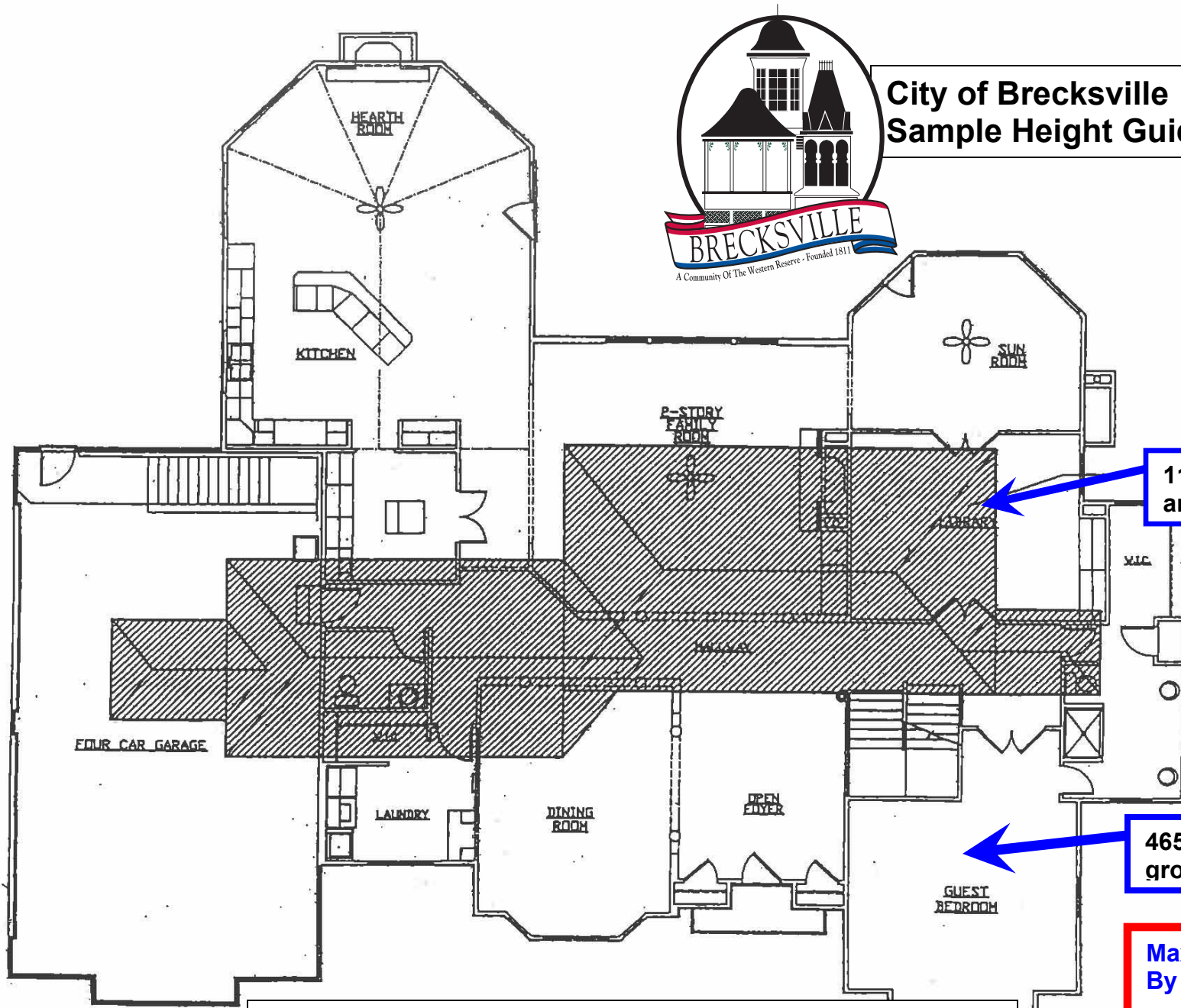
**Average grade determined by using front, sides & rear elevations as shown on the approved grading plan.**

**Sample**  
**No Scale**





# City of Brecksville Sample Height Guide



1162 sq/ft roof area over 30' area

4650 sq/ft enclosed ground floor area

**Max floor area over 30' height  
By Zoning classification**  
 R-60 = 30%  
 R-40 = 25%  
 R-30 = 20%  
 All others = 10%

**Example: Sample House: R-30 zoning**  
 4650 sq/ft. = enclosed first floor foot print.  
 1162 sq/ft. = roof area over 30' (hashed area).  
 1162/4650 = **25%** of roof area over 30 ft. height.  
 \*\*\*This house would require a variance as the area exceeds the max allowable of **20%** in an R-30 zoning district \*\*\*

**Sample  
No Scale**



(a) No land shall be cleared of trees or shall trees with a D.B.H. of six inches (6") or greater be cleared and/or removed without conformance to the provisions contained in this chapter.

(b) No building permit, grading plan, or erosion and sediment control permit shall be issued for the construction, alteration or addition to any building, or the grading or alteration of the land surface without conformance to the provisions contained in this chapter.

(c) All Development Plans and new construction shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.

(d) All single family subdivision and development shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.

(e) No tree with a D.B.H. of six inches (6") or greater shall be cleared or removed without a Tree Removal Permit issued by the Tree Warden/City Arborist unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

(f) No Tree Clearing Permit shall be issued for any parcel of land or development which requires a Subdivision Plan approval, until such time as the Final Subdivision Plans are approved by City Council.

(Ord. 3754, passed 7-6-99) Penalty, see § 915.99

**§ 915.04 EXEMPTIONS.**

The following are exempt from the regulations of this chapter and no permission from the Tree Warden and/or City Arborist is required for the following:

(a) The removal of dead, diseased or damaged trees.

(b) The removal of trees necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of drainage facilities, sanitary and storm sewers if the plans for such have been approved by the city.

(c) The removal of trees for construction of public roadways and improvements if the plans for such have been approved by the city.

(d) The removal of trees in time of an emergency or that pose an imminent danger to life or property.

(e) Removal of trees by an individual homeowner on their single family dwelling lot, excluding the treelawn area, after the lot is initially developed and an unconditional, permanent occupancy permit is granted.

(Ord. 3754, passed 7-6-99)

**§ 915.05 TREE SAVINGS PLAN.**

All developments shall be designed to preserve healthy trees and woodland, especially trees providing natural buffering, specimen trees and trees with a D.B.H. of six inches (6") or greater. Buildings and parking areas shall be located so as to compliment the existing topography and preserve the natural amenities of the site.

A Tree Savings Plan shall be required for, and submitted with, final development plans for all major subdivisions and developments requiring approval in accordance with Chapters 1121, 1193 and 1195 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brecksville. For residential subdivisions, the developer shall have the option of first preparing a plan which is limited to the area to be cleared and graded for the construction of the infrastructure. In the event the developer chooses this option, or in the event there is no approved Tree Savings Plan for a residential lot of record, a Tree Savings Plan shall be required for each individual lot prior to any clearing, grading or construction.

(a) Plan submission requirements applying to all Zoning Districts:

(1) Master grading and drainage topographic plan at a scale of not less than 1" = 50", which shows the street and ROW grades, finished floor house or building elevations, driveways and lot or subplot grading.





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(2) Tree preservation drawing prepared at a scale of not less than 1" = 50", (The same scale as the master grading plan) and shall include the following:

A. The location, common name and size of all trees with a D.B.H. of six inches (6") or greater outside of street ROW and utility easements within the area to be cleared or graded.

B. The location and outline of all easements, proposed buildings, parking areas, streets, sidewalks, drainage ways, retention basins and underground facilities.

C. Location of all existing trees with D.B.H. of six inches (6") or greater which will remain on the site after construction. The Commission may require the replacement of any trees of six inches (6") D.B.H. or greater which are not preserved.

D. A specific list of all existing trees to be saved including their species and size and the details on how the trees will be marked, protected, and the area restricted during construction as detailed in § 915.04(c) of this chapter.

E. Limits of change in grade which will affect any trees and the methods proposed to protect those trees.

F. Locations of areas to remain undisturbed.

G. Location of all specimen trees or trees of eighteen inches (18") D.B.H. or greater. The proposed development's parking areas or the landscaped portions of the parking areas or other landscaped areas shall accommodate the preservation of these trees with islands adequate to protect the tree and root system unless otherwise approved for removal by the City Arborist.

(b) Additional plan requirements and guidelines pertaining to the development in Residential Districts:

(1) Existing trees outside of the building area, driveways, street ROW, drainage ways and utility easements should be preserved, wherever

possible, to provide desired shading and screening for the dwelling occupants and to provide perimeter buffers to surrounding lots.

(2) Storm and sanitary sewers should be located and elevations set in order to require a minimum of re-grading and tree removal.

(3) House elevations and street elevations shall be designed to minimize changing the existing natural grade of yards.

(4) Tree wells, aeration systems, retaining walls and other methods shall be utilized to preserve existing tree root systems in perimeter landscape areas.

(c) Tree protection. The following methods are to be implemented for any trees which have been required to be preserved on the development sites:

(1) All trees or groups of trees to be preserved shall be marked with a blue colored ribbon or paint strip prior to any clearing.

(2) Prior to any construction or grading, a protective barrier, fence, posts, and/or signs shall be placed around the trees to be preserved.

(3) Protection barriers against equipment and materials shall be located no closer than the tree dripline distance from the tree trunk.

(4) No soil, building material, equipment vehicles or chemicals shall be stored or placed in the protection area of the tree dripline.

(5) Surface grade shall not be changed more than six inches (6") within the protected area without the installation of aeration system, wells, or retaining walls as approved by the City Arborist.

(6) No wires, boards, nails, signs, fences or other devices shall be attached to any tree to be preserved.

(d) Plan Review. The City Arborist and City Engineer shall review and approve the Tree Savings Plan. They will identify any tree locations and species which might be saved and areas around trees which





should not be disturbed or will require special treatment or restrictions. The City Arborist and City Engineer shall make their recommendations in letter form to the Planning Commission which may be adopted as part of the subdivision or development final approval recommendation. In the case of undeveloped one-family residential lots of record, the City Arborist and City Engineer shall review and approve the Tree Savings Plan without further review by the Planning Commission. Plan review fees for new residential and commercial subdivisions and new commercial development shall be charged as provided in § 1101.04. Plan review fees for existing undeveloped one-family lots of record shall be charged as provided in § 1314.18.

(e) Plan approval. The Tree Savings Plan shall be incorporated into the subdivision or development project review and approval by the Planning Commission. In the case of undeveloped residential lots of record, plan approval of the Tree Savings Plan shall be required from the Building Department, after receipt of the review and approval as provided in § 915.05(d) above, prior to a building permit being issued.  
(Ord. 3754, passed 7-6-99; Am. Ord. 3764, passed 9-21-99) Penalty, see § 915.99

**§ 915.06 TREE WARDEN.**

(a) *Position.* The Mayor is authorized to appoint a Tree Warden, subject to the approval by Council, whose duties shall be to inspect all public places of this city, determine whether any illegal trees have been planted, and notify residents as to the type of trees permitted on their streets under the Master Street Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission and adopted by Council.

(b) *Authority.* The Tree Warden is hereby granted, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the authority, control and supervision of all trees which exist now and which may exist in the future located on any public property within the city, and over all trees which exist on any private property when, in his or her opinion, such trees constitute a threat to the public's safety or property.

(c) *Trimming of trees.* The Tree Warden shall keep all trees located on any public property in the city trimmed so that the branches of such trees projecting over any public sidewalk, private driveway or into any public street beyond the curb line, shall not conflict with the safety of the public.

(d) *Interference with Tree Warden.*

(1) No person shall interfere with the Tree Warden or his or her assistants or agents while engaged in the duties prescribed in this chapter or the performance of any work ordered by the Tree Warden to be undertaken.

(2) The Tree Warden shall have the right to trim any tree existing on any public property in the city so as to insure the public safety or to preserve the function or beauty of such public property, and he or she shall further have the right to remove any such tree, or any part thereof, which is in an unsafe condition or which, by reason of its location or nature, is injurious or detrimental to other public improvements in the city, or is infected with any injury, fungus, insect or other pest or disease which cannot otherwise be controlled.  
(Ord. 3754, passed 7-6-99)

**§ 915.07 PRIVATE CARE OF TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

(a) *Permission required to care for.* No person shall plant, remove, destroy, cut, prune, fertilize, mulch, treat, break, climb, injure or spray any tree existing on any public property in the city, or authorize or procure any person to do so, or remove or tamper with any device placed for the protection of any such tree, or attach any rope, wire, chain, sign or other device whatsoever either to the tree or to any device placed for the protection of the tree, or authorize or cause the same to be done, without having first obtained written permission from the Tree Warden.

(b) *Prohibited treatments.*

(1) No deleterious substance such as salt, brine, gasoline, oil, or any other substance deleterious

**The City of Brecksville  
Engineering Department  
CHECKLIST FOR REVIEW OF  
SUBLOT TOPOGRAPHIC PLANS**



<b>Development:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			S/L
<b>Plan Preparer:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>	
		<b>Cellular:</b>	
		<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Reviewed Date:</b>		
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	Gerald Wise P.E. – DGB & Assoc.		

**Note: Items with empty boxes are incomplete and must be addressed with resubmittal.**

**Title Block Information**

- Owner Name
- Sublot Number
- Permanent Parcel Number
- Name of Subdivision
- Volume & Page Number of Recorded Subdivision
- Name of Builder
- Name of Plan Preparer
- Registration of Plan Preparer
- Legend depicting all Symbols
- Scale & North Arrow
- Date and/or revision date

**Required Plan Content – Survey Information**

- Surveyor’s Clause with Signature
- Benchmark on U.S.G.S Datum (Top of the Nearest Hydrant & On-site Temporary BM)
- Bearing & Distance Information on all Property Lines
- Corner Pins – Set / Found / Size / Condition
- Lot Size – Square Feet & Acreage
- Monumentation (Centerline Distances from Property Lines to Monuments)
- Date of Survey

**Required Plan Content – Existing / Proposed Information**

- Existing & Proposed Contour Lines at 1’ Interval
- Existing & Proposed Elevations at all House Corners
- Existing & Proposed Elevations on Property Lines Opposite all House Corners
- Existing Drainage Courses & Proposed Swales with Grades (2% Minimum)
- Existing Improvements on Adjoining Properties with Grades (FFF & Garage Grades)
- Setbacks of Existing Structures (front, side and rear)
- Set backs of Proposed Structures (front, side and rear) – State if a variance was obtained
- Existing Storm Sewer – Size, Location, Inverts (show straddling manholes)

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- Existing Sanitary Sewer – Size, Location, Inverts (show straddling manholes)
- Connection to Storm Sewer with Slope of Connection (1% Minimum)
- Connection of Sanitary Sewer with Slope of Connection (1% Minimum)
- Building Dimensions
- Proposed Finished First Floor Elevation
- Proposed Basement Floor Elevation (Indicate # of Courses of Block)
- Proposed Top of Footer Elevation
- Proposed Garage Floor Elevation
- Proposed Garage Footer Elevation
- Proposed Drive Location & Composition
- List Elevations & Grade of Proposed Drive Apron & Driveway
- Proposed Walk Location & Composition
- List Elevations of Proposed Walk
- Existing Easements – If none exists, State as such
- Existing Pavement with Grades at Centerline, Gutter & Top of Curb
- Top of Curb, Gutter, and Back of Walk at Proposed Drive Cut (walk x-slope at drive - max 2%)
- Sidewalk and curb ramps were necessary (walk x-slope max 2%)
- Existing Casting Elevations
- Existing Trees Over 6” in Diameter Within 25’ of Proposed House
- Existing 100-Year Flood Plain Information (If Applicable) – If none exists, State as such

**Required Plan Content – Sediment & Erosion Control**

- Note requiring a 30’ min. Construction Drive be installed prior to any major grading activities
- Location of all Erosion Control Measures (silt fence, diversion swales, etc.)
- Provisions for Temporary Seeding & Mulching After Backfilling Foundation
- Note stating that all pertinent Erosion Control BMP’s will be followed throughout construction
- List Individual Lot or Overall Development NPDES Permit Number
- Show all Wetlands & Streams – If none exists, State as such

**Comments:**





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CHECKLIST FOR BUILDER'S GRADE**



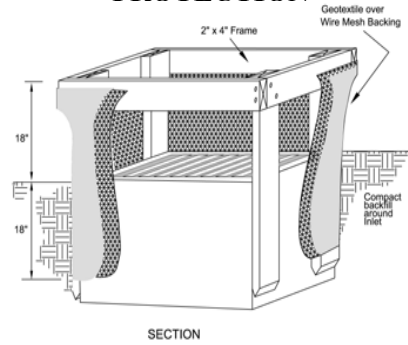
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		<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Checked By:</b>		

- Corner Pins Exposed
- Sidewalk Backfilled
- Drive Backfilled
- No debris, concrete, etc.
- Graded per plan
- Yard drains/storm sewers per plan
- Drainage swales per plan
- Graded away from the house
- Driveway and Sidewalk per plan
- Erosion control measures in place
- Erosion control matting as per plan
- Water box to grade
- Additional drainage needed (french drain, additional yard drain)
- Additional grading needed
- Proposed Finished First Floor Elevation
- Proposed Garage Floor Elevation

**Comments:**

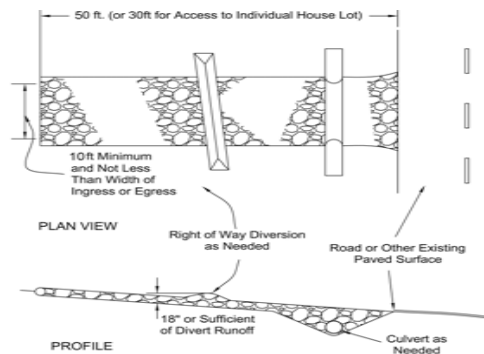


## STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION



1. Inlet protection shall be constructed either before upslope land disturbance begins or before the inlet becomes functional.
2. Construct an earth dike on the down slope side to prevent by-pass flow. The top of the earth dike shall be at least 6 inches higher than the top of the frame. The earth around the inlet shall be excavated completely to a depth of at least 18 inches.
3. Space support posts evenly against the inlet perimeter a minimum of 3ft. apart and drive them about 1 1/2 ft. into the ground. The top of the frame shall be at least 6 inches below adjacent roads if ponded water would pose a safety hazard to traffic.
4. Cut enough filter fabric from a single roll to eliminate joints. Stretch tightly around the frame over wire mesh. Fasten securely.
5. Bury the bottom of the fabric at least 1 foot deep; then backfill and compact the backfill.
6. Cross brace the corners to prevent collapse.
7. Inspect and repair as needed and remove accumulated sediment after every storm.

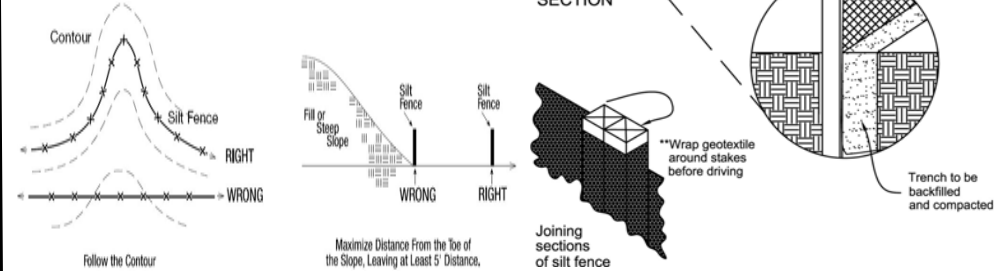
## CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE



1. ODOT # 2 (1.5-2.5 inch) stone shall be used, or recycled concrete equivalent.
2. The Construction entrance shall be as long as required to stabilize high traffic areas but not less than 50 ft. (exception: apply 30 ft. minimum to single residence lots).
3. The stone layer shall be at least 6 inches thick for light duty entrances or at least 10 inches for heavy duty use.
4. The entrance shall be at least 10 feet wide, but not less than the full width at points where ingress or egress occurs.
5. To improve stability or if wet conditions are anticipated a geotextile shall be laid over the entire area prior to placing stone
6. A pipe or culvert shall be constructed under the entrance if needed to prevent surface water from flowing across the entrance or to prevent runoff from being directed out onto paved surfaces.

## SILT FENCE

1. Silt fence shall be constructed before upslope land disturbance begins.
2. All silt fence shall be placed as close to the contour as possible so that water will not concentrate at low points in the fence and so that small swales or depressions that may carry small concentrated flows to the silt fence are dissipated along its length.
3. Ends of the silt fences shall be brought upslope slightly so that water ponded by the silt fence will be prevented from flowing around the ends.
4. The height of the silt fence shall be a minimum of 16 inches above the original ground surface. The length of the fence posts shall be 32 inches long.
5. The silt fence shall be placed in an excavated or sliced trench cut a minimum of 6 inches deep. The silt fence shall be placed with the stakes on the down slope side of the geotextile. A minimum of 8 inches of geotextile must be below the ground surface. The trench shall be backfilled and compacted on both sides of the fabric.

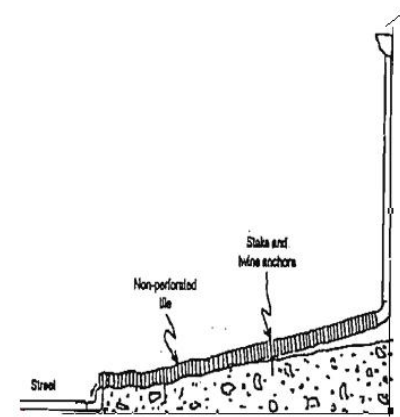


6. Seams between sections of silt fence shall be spliced together only at a support post with a minimum 6-in. overlap prior to driving into the ground.
7. Silt fences shall be inspected after each rainfall and at least daily during a prolonged rainfall. The location of existing silt fence shall be reviewed daily to ensure its proper location and effectiveness. If damaged, the silt fence shall be repaired immediately.

(Note: Silt fence has a life expectancy 6 months – 1 year, whereas straw bale barriers have a limited life of 3 months or less)

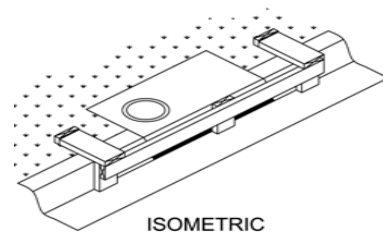
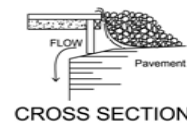
## TEMPORARY DOWNSPOUT EXTENDERS

1. Install extenders as soon as gutters and down-spouts are installed to prevent erosion from roof run-off.
2. Use non-perforated (unslotted) drainage tile.
3. Route water to a stable grassed or paved area or to the storm sewer.
4. Remove only after adequate vegetative cover is established.
5. Get approval from the City of Massillon Engineering Department before discharging water into a street.



## CURB INLET PROTECTION

1. Construct wooden frame using 2-by 4in. lumber. The end spacers shall be at least 1 ft. beyond both ends of the opening. The anchors shall be nailed to 2-by 4in. stakes driven on opposite side of the curb.
2. Install wire mesh in one continuous piece with minimum width of 30in. and 4ft. longer than the length of the inlet, 2ft. on each side.
3. Geotextile EOS of 20-40 sieve shall be the same size as wire mesh and be resistant to sunlight.
4. Wire mesh and geotextile should be formed to the concrete gutter and against the face of curb on both sides of the inlet and securely fastened to the frame.
5. Place 2in. stone over the wire mesh and geotextile to prevent water from entering the inlet under or around the geotextile.
6. Inspect and repair as needed and remove any accumulated sediments after every storm.



# EROSION CONTROL FOR THE HOME BUILDER



## Principles for Controlling Lot Erosion and Sedimentation

Soil erosion and the resulting sedimentation are a leading cause of water quality problems in Ohio. Every phase of a construction project has the potential of contributing significant quantities of sediment-laden runoff. Therefore, as a site is developed, all who are associated with the project must do their part to control erosion.

### Why the Concern About Erosion and Sediment Control?

**Water quality** - Sediment is the number one pollutant, by volume, of surface waters in the state of Ohio. It impacts water quality by degrading the habitat of aquatic organisms and fish, by decreasing recreational value, and by promoting the growth of nuisance weeds and algae.

**Local taxes** - Cleaning up sediment in streets, sewers and ditches increases costs to local government budgets and subsequently to taxpayers.

**Flooding** - Sediment accumulation in ditches, streams, lakes, and rivers reduces their capacity, which can result in increased flooding.

**Property values** - Sediment deposits not only impair water quality but also damage property, thus reducing its use and value.

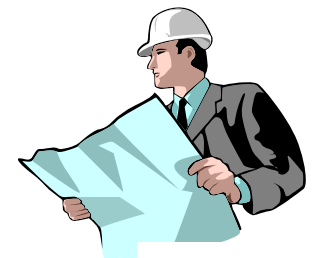
Erosion control is important on any building site regardless of its size. Usually, the principles and methods for controlling erosion and reducing off-site sedimentation are relatively simple and inexpensive. Here are four principles to be followed when developing a building site:

**Evaluate site** – Inventory and evaluate the resources on the lot before building. Location of structures should be based, in large part, on the lot's natural features. Identify trees that you want to save and vegetation that will remain during construction. Also, identify areas where you want to limit construction traffic. Where ever possible, preserve existing vegetation to help control erosion and off-site sedimentation.

**Select and install practices** – Determine the specific practices needed, and install them *before* clearing the site. Among the more commonly used practices are vegetative filter strips, silt fence, gravel drives, and storm water inlet protection.

**Develop a maintenance program** – Maintenance of all practices is essential for them to function properly. They should be inspected once a week and after each significant rainfall event. When a problem is identified, repair the practice immediately. Also, any sediment that is tracked onto the street should be scraped and deposited in a stable area. *DO NOT flush sediment from the street into the storm sewer system.*

**Revegetate the site** – Do so as soon as possible. Any area to be left bare for more than 21 days should be seeded immediately to a temporary cover of annual rye grass.





## Construction Sequence Lot and Erosion Control Sediment

### Step # 1. Evaluate the Site.

Before construction begins, evaluate the entire site, marking for protection, any important trees and associated rooting zones, unique areas to be preserved, and vegetation suitable for filter strips, especially in perimeter areas.

#### Identify Vegetation To Be Saved –

Select and identify the trees, shrubs and other vegetation that you want to save.

#### Protect Trees and Sensitive Areas –

To prevent root damage, do not grade, burn, place top soil piles, or park vehicles near trees or in areas marked for preservation.

- Place plastic mesh or snow fence barriers around trees' drip line to protect the area below their branches.

### Step # 2. Install Perimeter Controls.

Identify the areas where sediment laden runoff could leave the construction site, and install perimeter controls to minimize the potential for off-site sedimentation. It's important that perimeter controls are in place before any earth moving activities begin.

#### Protect Down-Slope Areas – (with Vegetative Filter Strips)

- On slopes of less than 6%, preserve a 20-30 foot wide vegetative buffer strip around the perimeter of the property and use it as a filter strip for trapping sediment.
- Do not mow filter strip vegetation shorter than 4 inches.

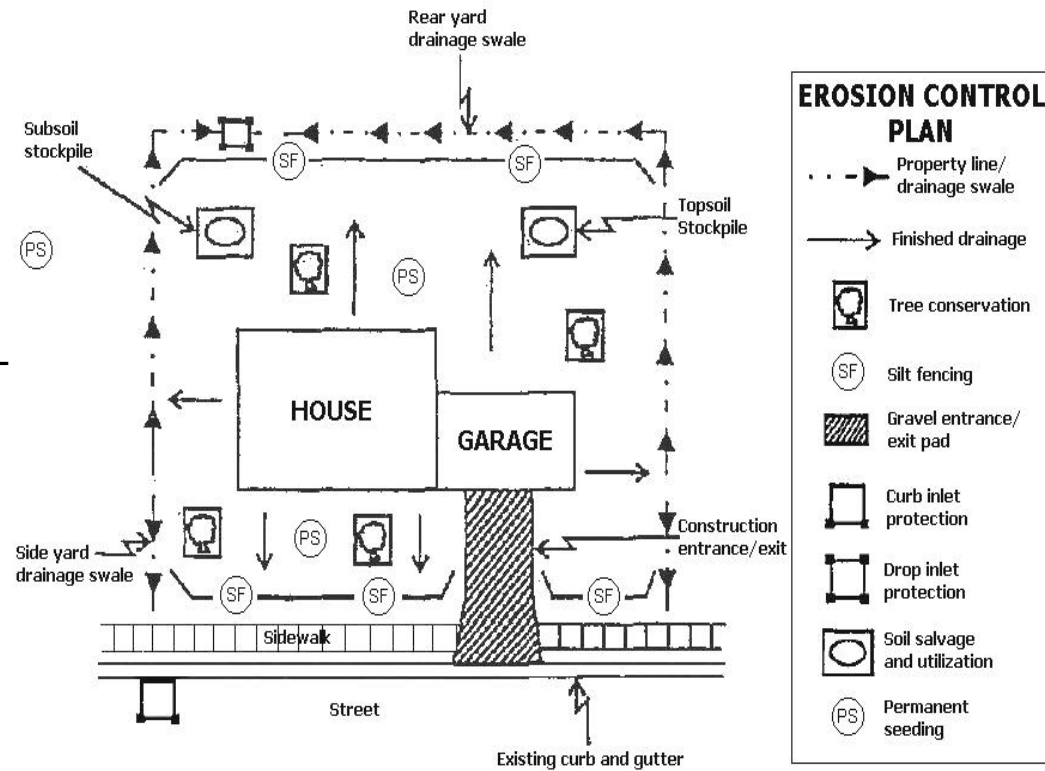
#### (With Silt Fence)

Use silt fencing along the perimeter of the lot's down slope side(s) to trap sediment.

#### (Install Gravel Drive)

- Restrict all lot access – to this drive to prevent vehicles from tracking mud onto the roadways (See Construction Entrance).

## Example of Erosion & Sediment Control on a Building Lot



Notes: 1. Erosion/sediment control measures must be functional and be maintained throughout construction  
2. Maintain positive drainage away from the structure(s)

#### Protect Storm Sewer Inlets –

- Protect nearby storm sewer curb inlets with stone-filled or gravel filled geotextile bags (See Curb Inlet Protection), or equivalent measures before disturbing soil.
- Protect on site storm sewer drop inlets with silt fence material (See Storm Drain Inlet Protection), or equivalent measures before disturbing soil.

### Step # 3. Prepare The Site For Construction.

Prepare the site for construction and for installation of utilities. Make sure all contractors (especially the excavating contractors) are aware of areas to be protected.

#### Salvage and Stockpile the Topsoil/Subsoil -

Remove topsoil (typically the upper 4-6 inches of soil material) and stockpile

- Remove subsoil and stockpile separately from the topsoil.

- Locate the stockpiles away from any down slope streets, driveway, branches, stream, lake, wetland, ditch, or drainage way.
- Immediately after stockpiling, temporary seed the stockpiles with annual rye or winter wheat and/or place sediment barriers around the perimeter of the piles.

### Step # 4. Build The Structures and Install the Utilities.

Construct the home and install the utilities; also install the sewage disposal system, then consider the following:

#### Install Downspout Extenders -

- Downspout extenders are highly recommended as a means of preventing lot erosion from roof runoff. Add the extenders as soon as the gutters and downspouts are installed (See Down Spout Extenders).
- Be sure the extenders have a stable outlet, such as the street, sidewalk, or a well vegetated area.

### Step # 5. Maintenance

Maintain all erosion and sediment control practices until construction is completed and the lot is stabilized.

- Inspect the control practices a minimum of once a week and after each storm event, making any needed repairs immediately.
- Toward the end of each work day, sweep or scrape up any soil tracked onto roadways. *Do not flush areas with water.*
- By the end of the next work day after a storm event, clean up any soil washed off-site.

### Step # 6. Revegetate The Site.

Immediately after all outside construction activities are completed, stabilize the lot with sod, or seed and mulch.

#### Redistribute the Stockpiled Subsoil and Topsoil.

- Spread the stockpiled subsoil through grade.
- Spread the stockpiled topsoil to a depth of 4-6 inches over the rough graded areas.
- Fertilize & lime according to soil test results or recommendations of a seed supplier or a professional landscaping contractor.

#### Seed or Sod Bare Areas -

- Contact local seed suppliers or professional landscaping contractors or recommended seeding mixtures and rates.
- Follow recommendations of a professional landscaping contractor for installation and rates.
- Water newly seeded/sodded areas every day or two to keep the soil moist; soak to 2 inches. Less watering is needed once grass is 2 inches tall.

#### Mulch Newly Seeded Areas -

- Spread straw mulch on newly seeded areas, using 2 - 3 bales of straw per 1,000 square feet.
- On, flat or gently sloping land, anchor the mulch by crimping it 2 - 4 inches into the soil. On steep slopes, anchor the mulch with netting or tackifiers. An alternative to anchored mulch would be the use erosion control blankets.

### Step # 7. Remove Remaining Temporary Control Measures.

Once the sod and/or vegetation is well established, remove any remaining temporary erosion and sediment control practices such as:

- Downspout extenders. (or shorten to outlet onto the vegetated areas, allowing for maximum infiltration)
- Storm sewer inlet protection measures.

#### Building Lot Drainage

The best time to provide for adequate, lot drainage is before construction begins. With proper planning, most drainage problems can be avoided, and that is important because correcting a problem after it occurs is usually much more difficult and costly. Here's what it takes to ensure good lot surface and subsurface drainage.

#### Surface Drainage

Position the structure a minimum of 18 inches above street level. Divert storm water runoff away from the structure by grading the lawn to provide at least 6 inches of vertical fall in the first 10 feet of horizontal distance. Avoid filling in existing drainage channels and roadside ditches, since that could result in wetness problems on someone else's property and/or damage to adjacent road surfaces.

#### Subsurface Drainage

Provide an outlet for foundation or footer drains and for general lot drainage by using storm sewers (where permitted), or obtain drainage easements if you must cross adjoining properties. If you accidentally cut through an existing field tile, assume that it carries water even if it is currently dry; therefore, re-route it (using the same size field tile) around the structure, then reconnect it.

## Reference Materials



Every building is unique and poses its own potential erosion hazards. In many instances, additional or alternative control methods may be necessary if the lot is:

- Adjacent to a creek, river, lake or wetland.
- Has slopes in' excess of 6%.
- Receives runoff from adjacent areas.
- Has more than one acre of disturbed ground.
- Poor soil conditions.

This pamphlet provides installation instructions on five of the more commonly used building site erosion control practices.

For information on other related practices, refer to the ODNR, Division of Soil and Water Conservation Handbook, "Rainwater & Land Development" – Ohio's Standards for Storm Water Management, Land Development & Urban stream Protection.

## Ohio Utilities Protection Service



It is the responsibility of every developer, contractor and property owner to see that they are in compliance with all laws, regarding construction site erosion/sediment control.



