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PERMIT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE

This handout describes the minimum submittal requirements for a new commercial structure. In certain situations, additional materials may be required. For a complete description of the required items listed, please see the “**Required Details in a Set of Plans**” hand out. All work must meet the minimum requirements of the City of Menlo Park’s Municipal Code.

Section 5536.2 of the State of California Business and Professional Code requires all plans to be prepared by a person who is licensed in this state to prepare plans and specifications. All copies of the plans shall be “**wet signed**” by the appropriate architect and/or engineer (i.e. original signature and stamp is required on each copied sheet). Plans shall be drawn to a scale of 1/8 inch per foot or larger and shall be printed or drawn on white paper. Individual plan sheets no smaller than 11 inches x 17 inches but not to exceed 34 inches x 44 inches in size.

All new buildings shall comply with the accessibility requirements as prescribed in Chapter 11B, Divisions I, II, and III of the 2001 California Building Code.

If a project has received a Use permit or Variance from the City of Menlo Park Planning Division, the applicant is strongly encouraged to provide written documentation demonstrating compliance with all of the conditions associated with the project.

There will be **five (5) sets** of plans required for submittal. A separate submittal and approval is required from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. A complete set of plans includes the following:

- Lot Plan
- Floor Plan
- Roof Plan
- Exterior Elevations
- Building Sections
- Structural Plan
- Grading & Drainage Plan*
- Mechanical Plan
- Electrical Plan
- Plumbing Plan

Other Documents Relating to Building Submittal

- Three (3) copies of the Structural Engineer’s calculations
- Two (2) copies of the Title 24 Energy calculations
- Three (3) copies of a Geologist report
- Two (2) copies of an Arborist Report will be required if there are heritage trees in the vicinity of the proposed construction
- Elevation Certificate if the project is in Flood Zones A, AE, AH, AO

* Please see “**Grading and Drainage Plan Guidelines and Checklist**” handout.