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New Single Family Residential Permit Guide

Three Step Process to Complete Your New Single Family Residential Construction

This permit applies to the construction of new, detached residential homes

Application	→	Review and	→	Inspections and

What to Know Before You Apply

	Contractor Registration : Contractors must be licensed by the State of GA, have a GA business license,
	and must register with DeKalb Development Services, located on the 1st floor at 178 Sams Street
	Decatur, GA 30030.
	Zoning Requirements: Did you know the Zoning Ordinance has been updated with many
	changes? It went into effect September 1, 2015. You must know the zoning of the property, all
	the building setbacks, and the maximum impervious surface allowed. You need to review the
	new ordinance for new development and building standards such as building materials,
	location of garages, impervious surface, etc. (Go to Article 5). To obtain a copy go
	to www.planningdekalb.net. Visit the Division of Planning, located on the 3rd floor, or call 404-
	<mark>371-2155</mark>
	Building Heights: Are you in a Residential Infill Overlay District (RIOD)? To find out, visit the Division
	of Planning, located on the 3^{rd} floor, or call 404-371-2155
	Historic District : Are you in an historic district? To find out, visit the Division of Planning, located on
	the 3 rd floor, or call 404-371-2155
	Proof of Ownership : If you purchased the home in the past calendar year, and your name does not yet
_	appear in the tax records, then you must provide a Warranty Deed or proof of ownership
	Floodplain or Flood Damage : If a building is in the floodplain, flood damaged, or if you need to verify
	floodplain status, call 404-371-2012 , visit the 2 nd floor. To simply verify floodplain status, go to
_	www.georgiadfirm.com
	Demolition : If you have demolished a structure on your property, have you called for a final
	inspection? If not, call 404-371-3010 to schedule a final inspection
Ц	Stream Buffer : If your proposed addition is within 75 feet of a stream, make sure your plans comply with the DeKalb County Stream Buffer Ordinance. To find out more information, call 404-371-4718 or
	ask for Land Development personnel on the 2 nd floor
	Complete Applications : Faster service is provided when customers submit complete applications.
_	Knowing the information above ensures our staff will be able to provide excellent customer service
	Land Development Permit : You must apply for a Land Development Permit before you can submit a
	Building Permit Application
	Building Permit Application

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STEP ONE - APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Submit required documents, including FOUR COPIES OF YOUR SITE PLAN, and BUILDING ELEVATION, and pay all necessary fees to DeKalb Development Services

Required Documents

	Site Plan : A site plan is prepared by an engineer or surveyor registered in the state of Georgia. A site plan or survey must be no more than one year old. The site plan should contain the location of the building site, property boundaries, all setbacks, erosion control measures, tree locations, flood plain, state waters, easements, and location of dumpster and port-o-let, as applicable. For assistance developing your site plan, see the attached Single Family Water Quality Review Checklist and Residential Site and Environmental Plan Review Checklist
	Building Elevations: Submit an elevation rendering of all facades of the building. The elevation
	shall include exterior building materials used (Art. 5.7.4) and dimensions of projections, recesses,
_	and percentages of materials and fenestration (Art. 5.7.7)
	Building Permit Application : This form is used for a variety of permit types. Complete every section that pertains to you. If the work is a repair to an existing home, only this form is required
	Environmental Requirements for Building Permits : This form describes job site requirements related
_	to erosion control and tree protection. Please be sure to sign and date the form to acknowledge your
	understanding of the requirements
	Energy Checklist for Compliance with the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code: The
_	builder must complete this form to certify the use of energy saving building materials and appliances
	Tree Plan Exemption Form : This form outlines the circumstances under which an applicant does not need to submit a tree plan
	Foundation Location Certificate: With this form, the builder certifies that the building or accessory
_	structure will not encroach on any easements
	Water Meter Application: This form is required to establish new service, and will be provided at intake
	Sewer Capacity Evaluation: Evaluation of Sewer Capacity is required for ALL new construction Single
	Family Detached dwellings. This is handled by the Watershed Department and can be found in the
	Watershed Packet. Sewer Tap Application: Required to establish new sewer service
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	Your project may also require the following documents:
	Are you a state licensed contractor? You will need to register with DeKalb County. Please bring
	your state license, government-issued ID, and your valid business license. The names on all licenses must
_	match
	Are you a specialty contractor? You will need to bring a valid business license Performing the work yourself? You will need to personally submit a Homeowner's Affidavit to
	verify that you own and occupy the property
	Applying for a permit on behalf of a contractor? You will need to complete an Authorized Permit
	Agent Form

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Located in a historic district? If so, you will need a <i>Certificate of Appropriateness</i> to ensure that your improvements are consistent with historic guidelines. Call 404-371-2247 , or visit the 3 rd floor for more information
Building a second story addition? You will need an <i>Engineer's Letter</i> from a Georgia licensed engineer detailing the ability of the existing structure and foundation to support new construction. The engineer will need to perform a site inspection to evaluate your home. Additional engineering reports may be required during construction
Building a Pool? You will need Board of Health approval, appropriate fencing, and an electrical permit. To reach the Board of Health, call 404-508-7900
Finishing a basement? You will need a sketch (to scale) of the basement that shows two exits Do you plan to utilize a septic tank? You will need approval from the Board of Health. Contact them at 404-508-7900 for more information
Payment of Fees (all fees are due upon application submittal)
DeKalb County accepts Visa, MasterCard, checks, money orders, and cashier's check. The County does not accept cash, American Express, Discover or counter checks (checks without your name printed on it). Make checks payable to "DeKalb County"
STEP TWO - REVIEW AND APPROVAL
Zoning Review: Zoning Officers will review your plans and elevations to ensure consistency with the Zoning Code. If your project is located in an Overlay District, your plans will be routed to the Planning Division, located on the 3^{rd} floor. If your plans meet all zoning and overlay regulations, your plans will be routed to the Land Development Department, located on the 2^{nd} floor
Land Development Review : The engineering staff at the Development Review Counter, located on the 2 nd floor, will review your plan for buffers, floodplain, and other civil engineering issues
Permit Approval: When your permit is <u>APPROVED</u> , a member of our staff will call you and ask that you return to DeKalb Development Services, located on the 2 nd floor, to pick up your permit. If your plans are <u>NOT APPROVED</u> , make corrections and resubmit, with the redlined plans, to DeKalb Development Services
STEP THREE - INSPECTIONS AND CO
POST YOUR PERMIT: in a box, on-site and visible. If your permit or approved plan is not posted in the box, your inspection will not proceed. If during construction you deviate from your original plans, you must apply for a Permit Revision, which requires plan sets, fees, and the process described above
Install your erosion control devices according to Best Management Practices (BMP's), as outlined in the Manual for Erosion and Sedimentation Control in Georgia
Schedule BMP inspection prior to further land disturbance activity through the Inspection Request Line at 404-371-3010
After you have completed construction, schedule your required building inspections through the Inspection Request Line at 404-371-3010
Certificate of Occupancy (CO): Bring your permit card to DeKalb Development Services with all required inspections signed and approved to receive your Certificate of Occupancy (CO)

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BUILDING	PERMIT	APPL	ICATION
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Total Minimum Fees \$245 (\$195 Minimum Permit Fee; \$50 Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion). Some commercial projects require Fire Review & Inspection Fees (\$100 Fire Life Safety Review; \$100 Fire Site Review; \$100 Fire Inspection). Please note that additional fees may apply depending on the type of permit being submitted. Please contact us at (404) 371-2155 for the calculation of fees or refer to our fee schedule located at www.dekalbcountyga.gov/planning-and-sustainability/planning-sustainability



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ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PERMITS

The following environmental measures must be in place before permits will be issued.

- 1. Erosion control measures shall be adequate to protect saved trees on site, state waters, intermediate regional floodplain, drainage systems, required buffers, and adjacent properties, including county or state right-of- ways. ALL EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE TO BE INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES UNTIL FINAL LANDSCAPING.
- 2. All required buffers and floodplains shall be clearly demarcated using sediment barriers and/or tree protection fencing. All state waters, buffers, and floodplains shall have a double row of type "C" silt fence along entire limits.
- 3. Tree protection fencing will be installed prior to any land disturbing activities, and maintained until final landscaping. No parking, storage, or other construction activities to occur within tree protection areas. Removal or damaged trees designated as save will result in a court summons and will require recompense with 4 inch caliper trees (number to be determined per incident).
- 4. Tree protection fence will be installed in such a way to adequately protect the critical root zone of all saved trees. Critical root zone means an area of root space that is within a circle circumscribed around the trunk of a healthy tree using a radius of one (1) foot per once (1) of a DBH. Exceptions to strict adherence may be made with prior approval from Environmental Plans Review & Inspections.
- 5. Prior issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (CO), all disturbed areas will have a minimum of 90 vegetative cover using sod or other approved landscape materials. Coverage will be determined by viewing any square yard on site.
- 6. Site is to comply with the requirements of the tree ordinance. Cal (4047) 371-4913 for the Environmental Development Inspector at least 72 hours prior to requesting a Certificate of Occupancy.
- 7. No finished grade on the lot shall exceed 3:1 slope without prior approval.
- 8. No trash, building debris, or construction waste will be buried inadvertently on any building site.

I acknowledge that I have received and will comply with the requirements listed above, or a court summons and/or a stop work order can be issued.

SIGNATURE	DATE	
PRINTED NAME		
SITE ADDRESS		



Energy Checklist for Compliance with the:

Ducts Sealed with Mastic or Code Approved Tape

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Building Permit Number:	D	Pate:
Subdivision:	Lot:	Block:
Job Address:		
General Contractor/Builder:		
I do certify that the above permitted structure shall be built in a International Energy Conservation Code with the Georgia Stat		
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TREE ORDINANCE EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION

Section 14-39(c)(1) as adopted 2-9-99 and amended 12-14-99

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FOUNDATION LOCATION CERTIFICATE

I,	
Street Address	
Lot/Block	
Subdivision	
I shall not encroach into any recorded	
easement. Date	
Signature	
Business License No	

ALL RECORDED EASEMENTS MUST BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THE LOT AT THE TIME OF THE FOOTING INSPECTION.



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Residential Zoning Review Checklist New House Development

In an effort to improve our Zoning Review process and decrease the number of resubmittals in the Zoning Plans Review/Compliance Section, this checklist has been compiled. Please ensure that the information below is included on the site plan before submittal.

Please prov	vide four (4) copies to an engineer's scale of the site plans with each new house submittal.
Co	omplete the Building permit Application, Tree Form, Energy Form and Environment Form per the checklist.
tl	Trite in the true owner (individual or entity) of the property. If the property has been sold recently, he Geographical Information Systems (G.I.S.) Department must update this information with a ecorded or unrecorded deed. Staff will provide a handout with this information.
Jı	eneral Contractors are required for new development projects pursuant to State Law 43-41 implemented uly 1, 2008 under the authority of the State of Georgia Secretary of State Office. General Contractors have he following designations: RBC, RBI, RBQ, RLC, RLI, RLQ, GCC, GCI or GCQ.
То	otal square footage of the lot must be shown on the site plan/survey.*
I	rovide the actual house size in square feet. ***NOTE: ARCHITECTURAL PLANS ARE REVIEWED IN THE FIELD BY THE BUILDING INSPECTORS. SINCE THE SITE PLAN/SURVEY IS ONLY REVIEW IN OFFICE.***
	rovide a breakdown of the lot coverage calculations by square footage and percentage (includes but not imited to buildings, driveways, decks, porches, etc.).
e	asement finishes require a simple floor plan identifying the rooms (i.e., bedroom, bathroom, recreation room & tc.). Iote: A section kitchen is not authorized.
s fe	now the square footage of any accessory structures (existing or proposed). Accessory structures require a eparate permit per Sections 7-30 and 27-731. Additionally, accessory structures height may not exceed 20 eet or the height of the existing principal structure, whichever is less, and shall comply with the equirements of the respective residential district.
Sł	now existing easements and utilities.
Tl	he average front setback is derived on adjacent lots within 75 feet of subject lot per Section 27-788(a).
	roperties in the Residential Infill Overlay Districts (R.I.O.D.s) height restriction are at a maximum 28 feet, and the Planning Division Staff perform reviews.
	riginal (if demolition permit issued) and proposed finished floor elevation(s) (including front door hreshold) per Sections 27-749 and 27-750 based upon the Mean Sea Level (M.S.L.).
Sł	now the minimum lot standards required for the zoning districts in notes section.
Sł	now sewer mains and sewer tap locations for the site. Indicate whether existing or proposed. If sewer



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	main does not exist, please provide approval of a septic tank permit from the Health Department.
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	Show sidewalk locations and widths as approved on the final plat.
	Note case number for any rezoning and rezoning conditions, special use or variances on the site that relate to proposed development. Depict any conditions associated with the property on the site plan.
	$Indicate\ whether\ the\ lot\ is\ \textbf{INFILL}\ \textbf{OVERLAY}\ district\ next\ to\ the\ name\ of\ the\ Subdivision\ or\ lot\ number.$
informa	Engineer (civil) and/or Land Surveyor's stamp, signature and date on the site plan along with 24-hour contact tion.
*Indicates information that should be contained in the general notes section of the site plan.	
For more information, you may contact the Department of Planning & Sustainability Zoning Plans Review/Compliance Section at (404) 371-2155.	