



Codes Enforcement,
Building Permits, Inspections,
and Information Submittal
Reference Manual
For

Builders, Designers and Property Owners

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Objective

This document has been prepared to inform builders, designers, property owners and other interested parties about the processes of building permitting, inspecting and related topics in Knox County. The information presented here is intended to help clarify the requirements which must be satisfied for the various types of permits issued, to expedite the permitting process and to eliminate as many problems as possible in the implementation and enforcement of the codes and ordinances adopted by Knox County.

Purpose

The following is from the Zoning Ordinance for Knox County, Tennessee.

1.30 General Purpose

In order to provide for the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare and to secure for the citizens of Knox County, outside the municipal corporations of Knoxville and Farragut, the social and economic advantages resulting from an orderly planned use of the land resources within the county; to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land for residence, trade, industry and other purposes, the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, and the size of yards, courts and other open spaces on the lot or tract; to provide definite official land use plans for property publicly and privately owned in Knox County outside the municipal corporations of Knoxville and Farragut; to guide, control and regulate the future growth and development of said county in accordance with said plan; and to provide for the administration and otherwise carrying out of said plan, there is hereby adopted and established an official zoning plan for Knox County, Tennessee.

The following is from the 2006 International Building Code.

101.3 Intent

The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

Permitting Process Flowchart

