



# CODES TALK



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## Applying for a Permit

When applying for a permit the following items will be needed; two (2) sets of plans, a site plan, a certified address (obtained through MPC) and, if applicable, a drainfield layout (from the health department).

## Holiday Thanks!

The holidays prompt us to reflect upon the many gifts we receive throughout the year whether they are physical or not. The Codes office wants to thank the Knox County community for allowing us to serve you and to be a part of the wonderful blessings that have been heaped upon all of us. We hope that you and your family will enjoy this season together, and we look forward to the new year and all that it has for us. Merry Christmas to you and remember the reason for this season.

## Online Permit Portal

Click [HERE](#) to apply online for a residential permit application. Click the below email to send in commercial plans or revisions [plansreview@knoxcounty.org](mailto:plansreview@knoxcounty.org).

To send comments, subscribe or unsubscribe send emails to [codestalk@knoxcounty.org](mailto:codestalk@knoxcounty.org).



## NEW CODES ADOPTED

County Commission has just approved ordinance O-18-10-101. This ordinance adopted the 2018 I-codes (with amendments) and the 2018 Life Safety Code. The codes will be effective January 1, 2019. All new residential and commercial permits purchased on or after the effective date will adhere to the new adopted codes. Builders that utilize pre-approved plans will need to submit new plans under a new permit for review. In the next few newsletters and on the codes website, we will publish the significant changes in the new codes.

Please send all comments and questions to [codestalk@knoxcounty.org](mailto:codestalk@knoxcounty.org).

## Inspections Reports are now Paperless

The building inspectors will institute a new method of delivery of inspection reports for all future building inspections. Instead of using the two part inspection forms traditionally used, the inspectors will document the inspections on their field tablets and then email the inspection reports to the contractor listed on the permit.

This new service has many benefits such as resolving legibility issues on inspection reports, control of the wording on the reports to aid in consistency of documentation, resolve issues of damaged or lost inspection reports and most of all, there is an extreme cost savings benefit by not having to purchase new two part forms. Our inspectors perform 80 to 100 inspections a day and this adds up to a lot of paper forms used.

We can use your help to push this initiative along by supplying us with correct email addresses at the time of the permit application and also by emailing us if you fail to receive an inspection report.

## Calendar & Events

**CODES OFFICE CLOSINGS:** The Knox County Code Administration office will be closed on Monday December 24 and Tuesday December 25 for Christmas. The office will also be closed on Tuesday January 1, 2019 for New Years. There will not be inspections on Tuesday December 11 because of training.

**ETBOA** (East TN Building Officials Association) meets the second Wednesday of each month. More info at [www.etboa.com](http://www.etboa.com). The meeting includes informative training.