



CODES TALK

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Codes IT Coordinator

Devin DePonte

Devin was hired to facilitate the increasing technology demands of the codes department and other associated EPW departments. He handles almost all of the technology issues that arise on a daily basis, mainly with the field inspectors. He plays a vital role in the updating of the field and office applications, training of database users, coordination between the IT developers and design support for new advancements and updates to the application systems. Have any tech ideas? Contact Devin at devin.deponte@knoxcounty.org.

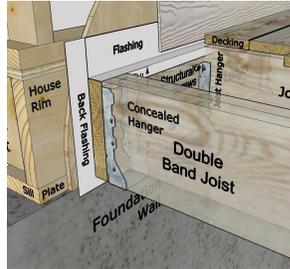
Applying for a Permit

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

Plans Submittal

The Codes Department accepts site plans and construction drawings in electronic formats (i.e., Adobe Acrobat, PDF). Permit applicants are strongly encouraged to use this method of submittal to reduce printing costs and travel time to our office. Additionally, permit review times are shorter for electronic submittals. Submit plans to: plansreview@knoxcounty.org.

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Deck Flashing

Decks, like any floor system, are designed to handle the dead and live loads applied. The deck loads imposed at the house wall are normally half of the decks' entire loads. The deck is supported at the house wall by properly sized fasteners that are anchored to the house structure. Flashing is required

on the house wall to protect the components of the wall (i.e. the house floor system rim board) and also over the top of the deck ledger board that mounts to the house wall. Proper installation of the flashing components is vital to the structural integrity of the deck. More detailed deck information can be found on our website at https://knoxcounty.org/codes/pdfs/deck_handout.pdf. **Most deck structural failures are related to where the deck attaches to the house!**

Do I Need a Permit?

If you have to ask, then normally the answer is "Yes". If you do not know whether or not a permit is needed then please contact our office at 865-215-2325. **Our department now requires a permit on all accessory buildings.** Storage sheds have created several issues involving setback violations, height violations, wind uplift issues, drain field damage issues, etc. By obtaining a permit you are assured that your property meets local codes and ordinances and is safe for all occupants. Several permits can be obtained over the phone and soon will be available online.

Calendar and Events

ETBOA meets the second Wednesday of each month. More info at www.etboa.com. The meeting includes informative training.

Closed - Monday, September 3rd, The Codes office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.