



RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

All documents must be submitted in .pdf format online through the [E-Permit Center](#)

The following checklist has been compiled to assist in expediting the residential plan review and permit issuance process. Please review this checklist to verify all the required documentation included in your submittal. Failure to provide the required documentation in accordance with the *naming conventions* (*italicized* below) may result in delaying the review process prior to issuing a permit. All documents listed below are required. Incomplete submittals will not be accepted.

Important Start Here!

COLORADO WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (Adams County Ordinance 14)

All new construction within unincorporated Adams County must comply with the newly adopted Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

The following steps must be followed for all new construction:

Visit Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Map to determine the class of hazard assigned to your property (Class 1 or class 2). **Note: If your parcel does not fall within a WUI zone, the WRC code does not apply. Please identify this information on plans.**

Note: Please see adopted WUI Code for full list of requirements, see links below.

[2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code Map](#)

[Adams County Wildfire Intensity Classification Map](#)

*If in the WUI, the following information must be provided: Structure Hardening Class 1 or Class 2, Defensible Space/Landscape Plan

☐ **Narrative/Scope of Work**

☐ **Address and Parcel number**

If one does not exist, contact Development Services **720.523.6800**

☐ **Site Plan – *Site Plan.pdf***

Must include dimensions of the structure and relationship to existing buildings, the distance to property lines, all setbacks including well, septic tank and leach field (if applicable)

- ☐ **Engineered Foundation Plans and details (STAMPED) – [Foundation Plans.pdf](#)**
Must comply with frost protection requirements of section R403.1.4.1 of the 2024 IRC.
- ☐ **Engineered Structural Plans and details (STAMPED) – [Structural Plans.pdf](#)**
Must include floor, wall, and roof assembly details
- ☐ **Complete Architectural plans and details – [Architectural Plans.pdf](#)**
 - ☐ Code summary, design conditions, building height, ceiling height, total square footage/square footage of each level, fire suppression system (if applicable), location of attic/crawlspace access, Fireblocking, draft stopping
 - ☐ Thermal barrier – Location and R-value of insulation, air barriers, vapor barriers, Appendix J - Radon
 - ☐ Window and Door schedule – Include U-factor and SHGC of windows and doors; tempered
 - ☐ Elevation view that shows crawlspace design (vented vs. unvented)
 - ☐ Provide plans that conform to one of three approved energy compliance paths in the 2024 Colorado Model Low Energy and Carbon Code or the IRC. (Prescriptive, Performance, ERI)
 - ☐ Whole house ventilation, roofing materials and location of roof drainage
 - ☐ Location of plumbing fixtures and type of materials, underground plumbing vent-to-roof
 - ☐ Location of fixtures, switches, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, outlets, main panel and/or sub panel and size
- ☐ **Complete Mechanical plans and details (STAMPED) – [Mechanical Plans.pdf](#)**
 - ☐ As an alternative to stamped engineered plans; include mechanical load calculations, mechanical layout, and diagrams of duct fittings (Manual JD&S or equivalent)
- ☐ **Complete Electrical plans and details – [Electrical Plans.pdf](#)**
 - ☐ Complete One line diagram
 - ☐ Locations of fixtures, switches, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, outlets, main panel and/or sub panel
- ☐ **Adams County Health Department (Septic Permits) 303.220.9200 – [Septic Permit.pdf](#)**
Must be submitted to County prior to permit issuance.
- ☐ **Colorado Division of Water Resources (Water Well Permits) 303.866.3581 – [Well Permit.pdf](#)**
Please check with your local water and sanitation district for Will Serve letters and additional fees or requirements Must be submitted to County prior to permit issuance.
- ☐ **Fire Department Approval May be Required- [Fire Approval](#).PDF**
Check with your [local fire department](#). Must be submitted to County prior to permit issuance
 - ☐ P2904 system – Adams County Building Safety Review
 - ☐ NFPA 13D system – local Fire Department Review
- ☐ **Access and Culvert Permit (separate permit) -**
Contact One-Stop Customer Center **720.523.6800**

*This checklist is intended to serve as a general guide for the project described. Depending on the specific scope of work, project requirements, site conditions, or client specifications, additional items may be required, or some listed items may not apply

FEES REQUIRED AT TIME OF SUBMITTAL

- ☐ **Plan Review fee based on 65% of listed valuation at time of submittal by applicant.** ([fee schedule](#))

Note: During review of the plans, the valuation will be verified according to the Building Safety Journal Data (Feb. 2024) price per square foot and may be adjusted resulting in adjustment of the plan review fee and additional charge for the difference or a credit towards total permit fees.

- ☐ Development Review fees upon each submittal: Commercial **\$130.00**; Residential **\$40**

- ☐ **Traffic Impact Fees** ([fee schedule](#))

Traffic Impact Fees based on use and square footage of building. The TIF will be calculated during the review of the plans. For questions regarding calculating this fee or an estimate prior to submitting, please contact **720.523.6800**. The TIF will be required to be paid prior to issuance of the building permit.

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSING

A General Contractor and Subcontractor(s) must be identified prior to issuance of permits. If the contractors are not registered, they must do so on the [E-Permit Center](#). Please see below for our requirements. Once the contractor is approved, Adams County requires the General Contractor to notify One-Stop at epermitcenter@adcogov.org. Any transfers will require written documentation between the new and old General Contractor and approval from the Adams County Building Safety Division

- **Class A:** Erect, add to, alter, or repair any building or structure, in all occupancy groups.
- **Class B:** Erect, add to, alter, or repair any building or structure not over two (2) stories in height, in group B, F, M, S, R, and U occupancies.
- **Class C:** Erect, add to, alter, or repair any building or structure of a non-structural nature, in group M and R occupancies
- **Class D:** Any specialty contractor including, but not limited to, plumbing, electrical, siding, fences, glass and glazing, insulation, and heating.

Adams County Building Safety requires the following documents to be successfully registered:

- Driver's License of Authorized Person(s)
- General Liability Insurance - [Requirements](#)
- Contractor license from any Colorado municipality OR ICC Certification
- Colorado State Contractor/Colorado Master License (Electrical and Plumbing Contractors ONLY)

APPLICATION REVIEW TIMELINE

- Initial review timeframe from application acceptance¹ = **15 business days**
- Second review and onwards = **10 business days ADDITIONAL REVIEW TIMELINE** (revisions after permit issuance)²
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- Plans will be charged a **\$100.00/hour** additional plan review fee

¹ Application acceptance means it has been processed through One-Stop and is not from receipt of plan check fee(s).

² **An Additional Plan Review must be requested through One-Stop to start a new workflow. 720.523.6800; epermitcenter@adamscountyco.gov**

INSPECTIONS

Once a permit has been issued, it is the responsibility of the applicant to schedule inspections. Please view our [Building Inspection Procedures](#) Inspections must be scheduled **48 hours in advance** online through the E-Permit Center or through the IVR phone system **720.523.6320**