



Design Review Application Checklist

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS. The following information is required for a complete application. Please review this checklist with City of Concord Planning and Engineering Divisions to confirm specific requirements and to determine if other applications are required.

- APPLICATION FORM.** Include signature and contact information for the legal property owner, applicant or authorized agent and contact information for the Civil Engineer, Architect, Landscape Architect, and all other consultants involved with the application.
- FILING FEE*.** (See Fees and Charges Resolution for current year).
- ENVIRONMENTAL FACT SHEET.** Including supplemental studies as required.
- TITLE REPORT.** Prepared within the past three months. (three copies)
- ARBORIST REPORT.** Prepared by an ISA Certified Arborist for the removal or disturbance of any Heritage Tree on the site or on an adjacent property which could be impacted by the proposed development. Describe the condition of all heritage trees to be removed/disturbed and provide a statement of specific reasons for the proposed removal. (three copies)
- STATEMENT OF DESIGN INTENT.** Describe the design program, the designer's approach, and how the architectural, landscape and other elements have been integrated. The relationship of the project to adjacent properties and to the adjacent streets should be expressed in design terms. Define the site, building design, and landscape concepts in terms of site design goals and objectives, pedestrian circulation, outdoor-use areas, visual screening and enhancements, conservation of natural resources, mitigation of negative site characteristics, and off-site influences.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PLANS. If the application is filed in conjunction with other applications, submittal requirements from all applicable checklists shall be incorporated into one set of plans. All plans shall:

- ___ Be prepared, signed and stamped by licensed professionals.
- ___ Include the date of preparation and dates of each revision.
- ___ Be fully dimensioned and drawn to scale on the same size sheets, with a consistent scale (as noted) throughout all plan sheets.
- ___ Be submitted in collated sets and folded to 8-1/2" x 11".
- ___ Be numbered in proper sequence.

The following numbers of plan sets are required:

- ___ 10 sets full size 24" x 36"
- ___ 21 sets reduced to 11" x 17"
- ___ 1 set 8 1/2" x 11"
- ___ 1 each, full-sized colored Site Plan, Elevations, and Landscape Plans. Colored plans shall be rolled, not folded.

After Final Design Review has been approved, a set of plans shall be submitted on a CD in pdf format for all projects that require Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator approval.

* The City adjusts all fees and charges on an annual basis in accordance with the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Area Consumer Price Index, actual hourly rates for work performed by City employees, and the Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area published in the most current edition of the Engineering News Record. The new fees are adopted following a public hearing and incorporated in the Master Fees and Charges Resolution July 1 of every year. Persons interested in how a particular fee is adjusted should contact the City department that administers the fee or the Finance Department.

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- DEVELOPMENT PLAN SETS.** The following plans shall comprise the development plan set:
 - TITLE SHEET** Including project name, location, assessor's parcel numbers, prior development approvals, and table of contents listing all the plan sheets with content, page numbers, and date prepared.
 - SITE PLAN.** Prepared by a licensed Civil Engineer, drawn at 1"= 20' scale, with scale noted, a graphic bar scale, and north arrow. The plan shall include the following:
 - Vicinity map showing north arrow, the location and boundary of the project, major cross streets and the existing street pattern in the vicinity.
 - Table with the following information:
 - General Plan and Zoning designations.
 - Size of property including gross & net lot area (square feet and acres).
 - For residential development, include the floor area for each unit type, the number of bedrooms, the number of units by type, the number of units per building, the total number of units, and net density.
 - For commercial development, total floor area in each building (including basements, mezzanines, interior balconies, and upper stories or levels in a multistory building) and total building area and FAR (Floor Area Ratio = total floor area divided by total net land area).
 - Percent lot coverage, percent of net lot area covered by buildings (total ground floor area of all buildings divided by net lot area).
 - Percentage of net lot area devoted landscaping, common open space and private useable open space.
 - Parking requirements including tabulation of the number of parking spaces required and proposed based on building area, by type (standard, universal, compact and handicapped), and required and proposed parking ratios.
 - Existing and proposed property lines with dimensions, bearings, radii and arc lengths, easements, and net & gross lot area for existing and proposed parcels. Benchmark based on U.S.C. & G.S. datum, 1929 (City of Concord is on the same datum as U.S.C. & G.S., 1929).
 - Location and dimensions of all existing and proposed structures extending 50 feet beyond the property. If adjacent to a street, show the entire width of street to the next property line, including driveways. Clearly identify all existing and proposed structures such as fencing, walls, all building features including decks and porches, all accessory structures including garages and sheds, mailboxes, and trash enclosures. Label all structures and indicate the structures to remain and the structures to be removed.
 - Dimensions of setbacks from property lines and between structures.
 - Location, dimension and purpose (i.e. water, sewer, access, etc.) of all easements including sufficient recording data to identify the conveyance (book and page of official records).
 - Location and dimensions for all adjacent streets (public and private) and proposed streets showing both sides of streets, street names, street width, striping, centerlines, centerline radii of all curves, median and landscape strips, bike lanes, pedestrian ways, trails, bridges, curb, gutters, sidewalks, driveways, and edge of right-of-way including any proposed or required right-of-way dedication. Show all existing and proposed improvements including traffic signal poles and traffic signs. Show line of sight for all intersections and driveways based on current City of Concord standards, and corner setback lines based on City of Concord Standard Plan S-36.
 - Existing topography and proposed grading extending 50 feet beyond the property at 2 foot contour intervals for slopes up to 5% and less than 5 feet in height; and contour intervals of 5

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feet for slopes over 5% or greater than 5 feet in height. Include spot elevations, pad elevations, percent slope and show all retaining walls with TOW/BOW elevations.

- Preliminary drainage information showing spot elevations, pad elevations, existing catch basins, and direction of proposed drainage, including approximate street grade and existing and proposed storm drain locations.
- Location and dimensions of existing and proposed utilities including water supply system, sanitary sewers and laterals, drainage facilities, wells, septic tanks, underground and overhead electrical lines, utility poles, aboveground utility vaults and meters, transformers, electroliers, street lights, lighting fixtures, underground irrigation and drainage lines, backflow prevention and reduced pressure devices, traffic signal poles, underground conduit for signals and interconnect, and traffic signal pull boxes, signal cabinets, service cabinets, and other related facilities.
- Location and dimensions of parking spaces, back-up, loading areas, and circulation patterns.
- Survey of all existing trees on the site and adjacent to the site with a trunk diameter of 6" or greater, at 1"=20' scale, indicating species, size (circumference or diameter noted) measured at 4-1/2' above grade, and base elevation. Trunk locations and the drip line shall be accurately plotted. Identify all Heritage trees (trees over 72 in. in circumference measured 4-1/2 feet above natural grade, multi-stemmed trees with one stem of at least 24 inches in circumference).
- Location of all natural features such as creeks, ponds, drainage swales, wetlands, etc., extending 50 feet beyond the property line to show the relationship with the proposed development.
- If any parcel is within a FEMA defined 100-year floodplain or floodway:
 - Identify the floodplain or floodway on all plan sheets depicting the existing and proposed site, with the base flood elevation (BFE) and flood zone type clearly labeled. In addition, show the existing site topography and finish floor elevations for all existing and proposed structures. If FEMA has not defined a BFE, a site specific hydraulic analysis will be required to determine the BFE prior to deeming the application complete (CMC Sec. 34-32.b2).
 - Flood zone boundaries and floodwater surface elevation. If the property proposed to be developed is within or adjacent to the 100 year flood zone (Zone A) or the National Flood Insurance Program, Flood Insurance Rate Map, the extent of Zone A shall be clearly drawn on the tentative map and the 100 year flood water surface elevation shall be shown. The map shall show the approximate location of the Floodway Boundary as shown on the latest edition of the "Flood Boundary and Floodway Map" published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- CONTEXTUAL PLAN.** Use topographic or aerial map as base. Show the relationship of the project to the building and site features within 50 feet. The plan shall include:
 - Building footprints, pad elevations and building height.
 - Land use and zoning designation on all lots.
 - Property lines and dimensions of the subject site and adjacent properties showing all easements.
 - Location of streets, medians, curb cuts, sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas.
 - Location of all creeks, waterways and trees.
 - Vicinity map indicating site in relation to major streets.
- TRUE CROSS-SECTIONS.** A minimum of two cross-sections (more as needed to showing varying site conditions) drawn at 1:1 scale (same scale used for both vertical and horizontal axis), 1"=20' minimum scale, with scale noted, and a graphic bar scale, through critical portions of the site

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extending 50 feet beyond the property line onto adjacent properties or to the property lines on the opposite side of adjacent streets. Sections shall include existing topography, final grades, location and height of existing and proposed structures, fences, walls, roadways, parking areas, landscaping, trees, and property lines. Section locations shall be identified on the Site Plan.

- BUILDING ELEVATIONS - PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW.** Plans shall be drawn by a licensed Architect at 1/8" = 1' minimum scale; dimensioned vertically and horizontally with sample representations at 1/4" = 1' scale for detail areas. Elevations should not include superimposed landscaping and trees that hide the buildings. The plans shall include:
 - Fully dimensioned elevations for buildings identifying materials, details and features include visible rooftop equipment, plumbing, electrical meters and method of concealment.
 - All four sides of buildings.
 - Vertical dimensions from all points above existing and finished grade on all elevations.
 - Topography with existing and proposed grades accurately represented to show building height to show the relationship of the building to the site and adjacent properties.
 - Location, height and design of rooftop mechanical equipment and proposed screening. Provide a section detail showing height of equipment in relation to the height of the proposed screen structure.
 - Elevations and dimensions for existing structures to remain.
 - Location and type of building mounted exterior lighting.
- COLOR AND MATERIALS BOARD.** Samples of materials and color palette representative of actual materials/colors for all buildings and structures. Identify the name of manufacturer, product, style, identification numbers and other pertinent information on the display. Displays should be no larger than 8-1/2" x 14", except where actual material samples are presented.
- BUILDING ELEVATIONS - FINAL DESIGN REVIEW*.** Plans shall be drawn by a licensed Architect at 1/8" = 1' minimum scale; dimensioned vertically and horizontally with sample representations at 1/4" = 1' scale for detail areas. Elevations should not include superimposed landscaping and trees that hide the buildings. The plans shall include:
 - Detailed building sections showing depth of reveals, projections, recesses, etc.
 - Details of vents, gutters, downspouts, scuppers, external air conditioning equipment, etc.
 - Details including materials and dimensions of door and window treatments, railings, stairways, handicap ramps, trim, fascia, soffits, columns, fences, and other elements which affect the building. Provide wall sections at 1/2" = 1' scale to clarify detailing as appropriate.
- FLOOR PLANS.** Plan shall be drawn by a licensed Architect at 1/8" = 1' or larger scale.
- ROOF PLAN.** Plan shall be drawn by a licensed Architect at 1/8" = 1' or larger scale. The plan shall include property lines, outline of building footprint, ridgelines, valleys, flat roof areas, roof pitch and rooftop mechanical equipment, and screening. Plans shall show existing roof forms and roof forms to be added or changed.
- LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW.** Plan shall be drawn at 1" = 20' or larger scale by a licensed Landscape Architect. The plan shall incorporate the proposed Grading and Utility Plan, showing the location of existing and proposed utility lines and utility structures screened back, but legible, and shall include the following:
 - Preliminary plans showing proposed trees, shrubs and shrub groupings, lawn, and groundcover areas, existing trees to be saved, stormwater treatment areas, special paving, hardscape, and site furnishings. Include a landscape legend with a preliminary list of plant materials (indicate both Latin and common name), plant sizes and spacing.
 - Size, species, trunk location, and canopy of all existing trees (6" in diameter or larger) on-site and on abutting property that could be affected by the project. Identify which trees will remain and trees to be removed. Any tree proposed as mitigation for the removal of a Heritage tree shall be identified as a replacement tree.
 - The Landscape plan shall be coordinated and consistent with the Stormwater Plan.

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- Show accurate representation of plant materials within three years.
 - Identify the location and screening of all above ground utilities and bio-swales or other stormwater treatment areas with 1:10 scale cross sections showing the planting within the bio-swales and screening of the utilities.
 - Provide enlarged details (minimum of 1:10 scale) for focal points and accent areas.
 - Location and details and/or manufacturers catalogue cuts of ground signs, walls, fences, paving, decorative planters, trellises, arbors, and other related site improvements.
 - Landscape plans with more than two sheets shall show the plant legend with symbols for each species on every sheet.
 - Size, species, and spacing of street trees (maximum spacing 30 feet on-center).
 - Statement indicating that a fully automatic irrigation system will be provided.
- LANDSCAPE PLANS FOR FINAL DESIGN REVIEW.*** Plans shall be drawn at 1" = 20' or larger scale, by a licensed Landscape Architect. The plan shall incorporate the proposed Grading and Utility Plan, showing the location of existing and proposed utility lines and utility structures screened back but legible, and shall include the following:
- All of the information required on the Preliminary Plan.
 - Final planting plan and plant list for all trees, shrubs, groundcovers, turf, mulches, and other surfacing materials. The plan shall include a legend showing symbols for all plant materials (and/or materials called out on the plan), with both Latin and common name, including size, spacing, total quantities, ultimate height, and spread of materials. Trees shall be a minimum of 24 gallon size and shrubs a minimum of 5 gallon size. Accent or sub-shrubs may be 1-gallon in size. Larger trees may be required depending on project location, size, or other conditions.
 - Show the plant legend on each page for plans with more than two pages.
 - Color and materials submittal for all special paving, hardscape treatment, walls, landscape lighting, and site furnishings.
 - Note signed and dated by project by Landscape Architect that plans are in compliance with all City standards.
- FENCE PLAN.** Drawn at 1"=20' scale showing the location, height and type of all fences and walls.
- TREE SURVEY.** Prepared by an ISA Certified Arborist, drawn at 1"=20' scale, showing accurate trunk location and drip line for all existing trees on the site and adjacent to the site with a trunk diameter of 6" or greater (measured at 4-1/2' above grade). For each tree, specify the species, size (circumference or diameter noted), and base elevation and clearly indicate if it is to be preserved or to be removed. Identify all Heritage trees (trees over 72 in. in circumference measured 4-1/2 feet above natural grade, multi-stemmed trees with one stem of at least 24 inches in circumference). Identify existing trees or plant materials on abutting properties that could influence site design or be impacted by the project.
- LIGHTING PLAN.** Location and type of exterior lighting, both fixed to the building and freestanding, any and all lights for circulation, security, landscaping, building accent or other purpose.
- PRELIMINARY UTILITY PLAN.** Prepared by a licensed Civil Engineer and drawn at 1"= 20' scale, with scale noted, showing the location and dimensions of existing and proposed utilities including water supply system, sanitary sewers and laterals, drainage facilities/storm drainage system, wells, septic tanks, underground and overhead electrical lines, utility poles, aboveground utility vaults and meters, transformers, underground irrigation and drainage lines, backflow prevention and reduced pressure devices, electroliers, lighting fixtures, street lights, traffic signal poles, traffic signal pull boxes, signal cabinets.
- PHOTOMETRIC PLAN.** For plan requirements see: www.cityofconcord.org/livinginconcord/transportation/downloads/streetlights.

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- STORMWATER CONTROL PLAN.** See Stormwater Control Plan Application Checklist. All Stormwater Plans shall be coordinated and consistent with all Site, Grading, Utility, and Landscape Plans. If the project creates or replaces more than 10,000 sq. ft. of impervious area, or 5,000 square feet for auto service facilities, retail gasoline outlets, restaurants and uncovered parking lots, a Stormwater Control Plan is required. Provide the following information to determine if the project meets this threshold:
 - Site size in sq. ft.
 - Existing impervious surface area (all land covered by buildings, sheds, patios, parking lots, streets, paved walkways, driveways, etc.) in sq. ft.
 - Impervious surface area created, added or replaced in sq. ft.
 - Total impervious surface area in sq. ft.
 - Percent increase/replacement of impervious surface area (new impervious surface area in sq. ft./existing impervious surface area in sq. ft. multiplied by 100).
 - Estimated area in sq. ft. of land disturbance during construction (including clearing, grading or excavating)

- SIGN PLANS.** Plans shall be drawn to scale, at 1" = 20' minimum scale with dimensions, total sign area, colors, materials, sign copy, font styles, sign returns, illumination method, and any other details for all signs. Show dimensioned location and mounting details of signs on building elevations and include a site plan referencing all sign locations and location of ground signs. A colored rendering of all signs shall be provided.

- PHOTO-SIMULATIONS.** Digital photo-simulations of the site with and without the project, taken from various points off-site with the best visibility of the project. Include a key map showing the location where each photo was taken.

- PHOTOS.** Several photos of the project site and adjacent development.

* Plans to be submitted after Preliminary Design Review.

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FILE NUMBER _____ ASSOCIATED FILES _____

PLANNER _____ DATE _____

PROJECT NAME _____

PROJECT ADDRESS _____

GENERAL PLAN _____ ZONING _____

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