

YAMHILL COUNTY CODE

TITLE 10: BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION

Chapter 10.05: Yamhill County Building Code

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

10.05.01 Title. This Chapter may be cited for all purposes as the Yamhill County Building Code.
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Definitions. As used in this Chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- a) “**Applicable codes**” means those statewide codes and standards adopted by the County under YCC 10.05.03.
- b) “**Board**” means the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners.
- c) “**Building Official**” means the Yamhill County Building Official or the Building Official’s authorized agent.
- d) “**County**” means Yamhill County.
- e) “**County Sanitarian**” means the County Sanitarian for Yamhill County or the County Sanitarian’s authorized agent.
- f) “**Chief of the Fire Department**” means the head of the rural fire protection district or fire department having jurisdiction, or the chief’s authorized deputy.
- g) “**Manufactured dwelling**” means a detached structure designed for dwelling purposes, manufactured as a unit, constructed in accordance with state standards, and intended to be occupied, as a dwelling or for other

purposes, in a place other than that of its manufacture. “Manufactured dwelling” includes a manufactured housing unit, but does not include a recreational vehicle.

- h) “**Planning Director**” means the Director of the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development or the director’s designee.
- i) “**Road**” means any public or private access road, street, highway, easement or way platted, recorded, or shown on any official map, whether or not such road is actually constructed.
- j) “**Site**” means the lot(s) or parcel(s) on which construction has taken, or is taking place, or the lot(s) or parcel(s) described in an application for a building permit as the proposed area of construction. If a land use action is required prior to issuance of a building permit, the “site” is the area for which land use authority has been granted.
- k) “**YCC**” means the Yamhill County Code.

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10.05.03 Applicable Codes.

- a) The following codes and standards, as adopted and thereafter amended by the Oregon Building Codes Division, and other provisions authorized by ORS Sections 446.185, 447.020, 455.010 through 455.990, 460.085, 460.360, 479.730 and 480.535, apply in the unincorporated areas of Yamhill County under ORS 455.040:
 - (i) The “Oregon Structural Specialty Code” as adopted by the State of Oregon, Building Codes Division, including as amended;
 - (ii) The “Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code” as adopted by the State of Oregon, Building Codes Division, including as amended;
 - (iii) The “Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code” as adopted by the State of Oregon, Building Codes Division, including as amended;
 - (iv) The “Oregon Electrical Specialty Code” as adopted by the State of Oregon, Building Codes Division, including as amended;
 - (v) The “Oregon Residential Specialty Code” as adopted by the State of Oregon, Building Codes Division, including as amended; and
 - (vi) The “Oregon Fire Code” as adopted by the Oregon State Fire Marshal, including as amended, to the extent that the provisions of the Oregon Fire Code are applicable hereunder.
- b) Unless the County adopts provisions allowed under ORS 455.020(4), or other provisions authorized by the State Building Code Administrator under ORS 455.040, new editions of the above listed codes, and amendments to those codes, shall be fully applicable and enforced in Yamhill County as of the date they are adopted by the Oregon Building Codes Agency. The effective date of the most recently adopted code or amendment shall be as determined under ORS 183.355.
- c) If the requirements or conditions imposed by a provision of this Chapter differ from the requirements or conditions imposed by a provision of another law, ordinance, or order having application in Yamhill County, the more restrictive provision shall govern.

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10.05.04 Land Use Approval.

- a) No person shall be entitled to a building permit unless the person has first obtained land use authority for the use proposed to be conducted on the site. The Building Official shall refuse to issue a permit for work on a site if the official has reason to believe that the owner or applicant has not complied with:
 - (i) A county ordinance controlling the subdivision, platting, partitioning, or other division of land;
 - (ii) The Yamhill County Zoning Code;
 - (iii) The County’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan; or
 - (iv) Any “special permit area” requirements established by the Board of Commissioners with regard to a specifically designated hazard area within Yamhill County.
- b) All questions regarding land division or zoning authority that come to the attention of the Building Official shall be referred to the Planning Director, for resolution in conformance with applicable land use ordinances and codes.

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10.05.05 Subsurface Sewage Disposal. No person shall be entitled to a building permit if an on-site subsurface sewage disposal system will be required, and the proposed site does not meet the requirements or conditions imposed by the laws, regulations, or ordinances governing subsurface sewage disposal. The Building Official shall not issue any permits for work on a structure requiring sewage disposal unless community sewer service is available at the site or a subsurface sewage disposal permit has been obtained, in advance, from the County Sanitarian or the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

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10.05.06 Access by Fire Protection Equipment.

- a) No person shall be entitled to a building permit unless the structure for which a permit is sought has suitable access for fire protection equipment or otherwise meets fire protection standards.
- b) The Building Official shall not issue a building permit for residential construction unless the applicant has first submitted a statement from the Chief of the Fire Department that the proposed residence has suitable access for fire protection equipment or otherwise meets fire protection standards. The Building Official shall make a form for this purpose available for use by the applicant.

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10.05.07 Certificates of Occupancy.

- a) A Certificate of Occupancy shall be applied for and issued prior to the use or occupancy of any building or structure as provided in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code.
- b) If no Certificate of Occupancy is required by the Oregon Structural Specialty Code:
 - (i) Actual occupancy of the structure shall not take place until final inspection; and
 - (ii) The date of actual occupancy shall serve in lieu of the certificate for the purpose of calculating any time period dependent on issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

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10.05.08 Agriculture Buildings.

- a) No person shall construct or place a building intended for agricultural use without first obtaining a permit from the Building Official. The purpose of the agricultural building permit is to ensure compliance with the following zoning requirements:
 - (i) Setbacks;
 - (ii) Floodplain overlay district;
 - (iii) Willamette River Greenway, scenic river, watershed, or other overlay established pursuant to the Yamhill County Zoning Code or Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and
 - (iv) Any “special permit area” requirements established by the Board of Commissioners with regard to a specifically designated hazard area within the county.
- b) An application for an agricultural building permit shall include a plot plan containing all information specified in Section 10.05.09-10. The distance of the proposed building from property lines shall be clearly shown on the plot plan. The level of detail of required information shall be to the satisfaction of the Building Official. Building Official review may include post-construction inspection; to ensure that the structure is for agricultural use and is located as specified in the permit.
- c) No permit shall be issued for construction of a farm or nonfarm agricultural building unless the fee owner or contract purchaser of the property on which the building will be constructed files with the Building Official an “Affidavit of Agricultural Use” on a form provided by the Building Official. The affiant shall attest that the building for which permit is sought will be used solely for agricultural purposes, and that no changes in the use of the structure will occur unless all appropriate permits are obtained in advance.
- d) No electrical, plumbing, or mechanical installation shall be made in an agricultural building unless a permit for the installation is first obtained from the Building Official.
- e) Although plan review and structural permits are not required for construction of an agricultural building, the Building Official will review and approve plans for agricultural buildings and provide inspection services upon payment of the appropriate fee.

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10.05.09 Pools; Signs; Demolition.

- a) Pools. No person shall construct a pool, or pool barrier, without first obtaining a building permit where not exempt by the Oregon Residential Specialty Code. Pool and barrier designs must meet or exceed requirements of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.
- b) Signs. Signs requiring a permit by Yamhill County Zoning Code that are over seven feet in height shall not be constructed without first obtaining a building permit.
- c) Demolition. Buildings and structures that require a permit hereunder shall not be demolished without first obtaining a building permit. The permit is required to verify the sewer, water, and electrical lines have been safely capped or removed, and all debris has been removed from the site.

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10.05.10 Plot Plan Requirements.

- a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, the plot plan shall show and include:
 - (i) The legal description, location, and dimensions of on which the building, structure, or manufactured dwelling is to be located;
 - (ii) The location of any stream courses, water bodies, swamps, marshes, or areas subject to flooding or any areas of known or suspected geologic hazard or soil limitations, including slides, subsidence, or soil creep, on the site;
 - (iii) Location and dimensions of the right-of-way of any road abutting the site;
 - (iv) The proposed use of each room or floor area of the building, structure, or manufactured dwelling on the site;
 - (v) The location, dimensions, and use of all other buildings, structures, and manufactured dwellings on the site;
 - (vi) The location, or proposed location, of any well or other domestic water source, if other than a community or municipal water supply;
 - (vii) The location, or proposed location, of any pit privy or septic tank and leach lines; and
 - (viii) Any other information required by this Chapter, the applicable codes, or the Building Official.
- b) The plot plan of any structure, including an agricultural building, proposed to be placed in an area regulated by the County's floodplain overlay district shall also include the following information:
 - (i) Elevations and grades of any road abutting the site sufficient to identify any problems of potential flooding, access, or drainage; and
 - (ii) The location, dimensions and lowest floor elevations of the building, structure, or manufactured dwelling-with respect to which the proposed work is to be undertaken;
- c) An application to carry out any work with respect to an agricultural building shall include a plot plan containing at least that level of information necessary for the Building Official to make the determinations required by Section 10.05.08.

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10.05.11 Fees.

- a) The schedule of fees to be charged for services under this Chapter, including, but not limited to, permits, plan checking, and appeals, shall be set by order of the Board. Changes in fees and state surcharges that the Board has no discretion to set under state law or an applicable code, shall become effective upon adoption by the State of Oregon, subject to incorporation into the County's uniform fee schedule at the Board's earliest convenience.
- b) If the Building Official discovers a person undertaking work in violation of this Chapter or an applicable code, the Building Official shall notify the violator to cease the violation and may require that the violator pay an investigation fee in accordance with the provisions of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, in addition to any permit fees otherwise required hereunder.
- e) A request by an applicant for refund of fees shall be made in writing to the Building Official. Fees may only be refunded if requested within 180 days of the original fee payment and in accordance with procedures established by the Yamhill County Department of Planning and Development.

d) The Building Official shall account for all fees paid under this Chapter for any building permit or manufactured dwelling placement permit.

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10.05.12 Enforcement. This Chapter may be enforced as follows:

- a) Under provisions of the applicable codes;
- b) By abatement of the violation as a public nuisance under YCC 5.20, the Yamhill County Solid Waste Management Code. A violation of an applicable code is hereby declared to be a nuisance;
- c) Under YCC 1.10, the Yamhill County Code Enforcement Code. To the extent that greater penalties may be imposed pursuant to YCC 1.10 than under the applicable code(s), the penalties of YCC 1.10 shall apply;
- d) By issuance of a “Stop Work Order” in accordance with all applicable code provisions;
- e) By any other legal or equitable remedy available, including, but not limited to, proceedings to enjoin a violation; or
- f) By a combination of the above remedies.

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10.05.13 Validity. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Chapter, or any of the applicable codes, is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter.

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