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Delegated Review communities for the State of Maine are as follows: City of Sanford, Town of Gorham, City of Portland, and Town of Ellsworth for all **non-healthcare projects**. Healthcare projects will utilize the normal Construction Permit application packet per Title 25 §2448-A

Title 25 §2450 requires a 1¢ fee to be remitted to the Department of Public Safety and the remaining 4¢ fee to be paid to the municipality for the review fees.

I have attached the construction permit application packet for delegated review communities to create a more efficient process.

For renovation projects not requiring a barrier free review, just the construction permit application and surcharge application will be required along with the fees and drawings. For all new construction and additions, all three applications, fees, and drawings are required.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Regards,

Marc A. Veilleux

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc A. Veilleux".

Public Safety Inspector III, ICC and NFPA CFI-II, CFPE

Plans Review Supervisor

Office of State Fire Marshal

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Submittal Criteria for Construction Permits

Make a **single check** out to "Treasurer, State of Maine" that covers all of the fees based on the cost of construction/renovation, square footage, barrier-free and surcharge. See fee schedule and surcharge information in the Construction and Barrier-Free permit application.

Fill out the application for the permit in the Construction and Barrier-Free permit application. We can help you fill this out when you arrive if you have an appointment at our office. If you are obtaining your permit by mail or fax, then please call if you have any questions regarding the application form.

Submit **blueprints/plans** that are clear, legible, accurate, and complete. A design professional such as an architect or engineer may be required. and is based on the cost of construction. Call and ask if you are not sure. Either way, the office must obtain for the plan review (1) electronic PDF copy and (1) full sized scaled drawing of each of the following (note: if applying Online 1 PDF copy is sufficient):

Site Plan showing relationship to adjacent buildings, roads, and hazards. Indicate which building or part thereof is the one requesting a permit. Indicate true north. The site plan must be to an indicated scale or have measurements.

Elevations showing the side view of the building from each side. Label each elevation. (The south elevation is the side of the building that faces south). If the building is existing and the renovations to the exterior are minor, then a snapshot of each side view of the building may suffice.

Floor Plans of every level of the building, including the basement, (and parts that are not being renovated if this is an existing building).

When a part of a building is renovated/expanded, fire and life safety features of one section often affect other sections. *It is the overall building that obtains the permit.*

Floor plans must be to scale. Include at least one set electronically as well, if possible. Indicate the scale used, such as 1/4" = 1 foot (This means 1/4" on paper represents 1 foot in real life. This is called 1/4" scale). Any scale can be used. Label outside dimensions.

Show doors and which way they swing. Show the location of windows in walls. Clear opening detail, and height of sill from floor may be required. Show stairs/ramps and provide details of them, such as riser height, tread depth, (nose to nose horizontally), handrail height, etc.

Label the intended use of every room compartment (such as "office," "bathroom," "sales area," etc.). We do not need to see what exists before demolition/remodeling, but rather the intended final plan.

Show any fire protection features that you intend to have, (such as emergency lights, exit signs, smoke detectors, portable fire extinguishers, etc.). During the plan review we will answer any questions you have about what may be required, and what is not.

Indicate door hardware type, door-closers and fire rating of any doors/walls.

Sprinkler details do not have to be provided to obtain the construction permit. The construction permit application form will indicate whether or not it will be sprinklered. We will confirm whether or not it is required to be sprinklered. If it is to have a sprinkler system, then the sprinkler contractor who will do the work will obtain a sprinkler permit from our office for you. At that time they will submit all sprinkler plan details to us.

In addition to the full set of normal sized dimensioned drawings, an electronic set shall be submitted for the following types of facilities:

- Health Care facilities
- Nursing Homes
- Limited Care facilities
- Residential Care facilities
- Assisted Living Facilities Level 1 and Level 2
- Day Care Centers
- Any other facility subject to inspection by the State Fire Marshal's Office or the Department of Public Safety

Once the fee is paid and application form submitted, then a file is opened for your project. At no extra cost, changes can be submitted before the construction permit is issued. With plans on file it is easy to answer future questions on the phone, by mail, email and fax. We need documentation for the project that indicates full compliance with the code and law before the construction permit can be issued. It will be evaluated by the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code. (Call 1-800-344-3555 if you want to purchase your own copy or go online at www.NFPA.org.)

With this system, it is easy for you to come in for a plan review with only 30% drawings and get feedback before you invest too much time designing something that may not meet compliance. Appointments can usually be made within 2 weeks. Be sure to call first so that we may schedule you in.

Your plan review is done to the best of our ability, but the ultimate responsibility for code compliance is still retained by the design professional and the owner.

The above list is a general summary and is not intended to be all-inclusive. Depending on your project, other details may be required to be submitted. Please call if you have further questions.



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STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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Your submitted drawings will be reviewed under NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2018 Edition and all referenced publications: please submit drawings with the information listed below. Based on the submitted information, there may be follow up items to submit.

A new building, renovated space or an occupancy change will require a plan review from State Fire Marshal in order to obtain a construction permit. The construction permit should be obtained before any construction has been started.

The floor plan/sketches of your building should be to scale and show the following items (this may be a partial list and additional information may be required):

- 1) Additionally - Photos of all sides of the building inside and out are very helpful
- 2) Size of doors as well as their swing & hardware information (lever handles, panic hardware, closers, etc.) Please include fire rating if applicable
- 3) Please provide railing (guard) details of any lofts, decks, porches, or balconies (height, baluster spacing, materials, etc.)
- 4) Provide stair details to loft/second floor/basement/lower levels (rise/run of stairs, width of stairs, guard height, railing size and height) – handrails are required on both sides of stairs, including landings
- 5) Note any attached buildings, or adjacent spaces to your space; their use and rated separation from the building
- 6) Provide information on the existing / proposed smoke detection, alarm system or sprinkler system.
- 7) Provide wood species & thickness of exposed wood walls, ceilings and floor and include their fire rating classification
- 8) Please provide interior finish ratings of walls, ceilings, and floor coverings including the fire rating classification of the finish (like polyurethane, linseed oil, paint, etc.)
- 9) Show locations of: lighted exit signs, emergency lighting, fire alarm components & fire extinguishers
- 10) Please provide sketches that are to scale of all levels of the building and any attached structures
- 11) Provide details of any bathroom spaces, include mounting heights of fixtures, grab bars, etc.
- 12) Additional items such as accessible routes from the parking areas to within the building shall be shown. Include all slopes, ramps, and signage
- 13) If the cost of renovation is less than \$50,000 you can make the drawings yourself. If the cost exceeds \$50,000, the drawings will have to be stamped by a design professional (architect or engineer), although it is strongly recommended to consult a design professional during the process to aid you through the process.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.



Delegated Communities Only: **Gorham, Portland, Sanford/Springvale, and Ellsworth**

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION

Department of Public Safety
Office of State Fire Marshal
45 Commerce Dr, Suite 1
Augusta, Maine 04333-0052

Project Information

Project Name: _____
Street Location: _____ Town: _____
County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Project Type:

New Building/Addition
Renovation
Occupancy Change

Building Occupancy Use Layout:

Single use
Separated Use
Mixed Use

Sprinkler System:

No Yes Supervised

Fire Alarm:

No Yes Monitored

Project Information:

Projected Start Date: _____
Projected End Date: _____
Total Project Cost: _____

Number of Stories:

Original # of Stories: _____
Affected # of Stories: _____
Total # of Stories: _____

Square Footage:

Renovated s.f. _____
New Construction s.f.: _____
Total s.f.: _____

Occupied Square Footage for Fee Calculation: _____ X \$0.01 = **Construction Permit Fee:**

**see attached fee schedule for more information*

Approval Letter Only (\$50 fee):

Occupancy Classification:

Apartments Ambulatory Health Care Assembly ____ <300 ____ >300 <1000 ____ >1000
 Business Detention/Correctional Educational Daycare ____ >12 ____ <12
 Health Care Hotel/Dormitory Industrial Residential Board & Care ____ Large ____ Small
 Other Rooming & Lodging Storage Mercantile ____ Class A ____ Class B ____ Class C

Construction Type

Fire Resistive: Type I (443) (332) Unprotected Ordinary: Type III (200)
Protected Non-Combustible: Type II (222) (111) Heavy Timber: Type IV (2HH)
Unprotected Non-Combustible: Type II (000) Protected Wood Frame: Type V (111)
Protected Ordinary: Type III (211) Unprotected Wood Frame: Type V (000)

Brief description of work to be performed: _____

Contact Information

Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Design Professional: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Maine Registration #: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

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Permit Approval Letter (when a permit is not required) Approved By: _____

Check #	Plan Reviewer	Date Permit Issued	Permit #



BARRIER-FREE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Office of State Fire Marshal
45 Commerce Dr., Suite 1
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Project Information

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Street Location: _____ Town: _____

County: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Renovated s.f. _____
New Construction s.f.: _____
Total s.f.: _____



Barrier-Free Permit Fee:

*see attached fee schedule for more information

Occupancy Classification:

Apartments Ambulatory Health Care Assembly ____<300 ____>300 <1000 ____>1000
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Contact Information

Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Design Professional: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Maine Registration #: _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

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**BARRIER-FREE PERMIT
 Plan Review Fee Schedule**

BARRIER-FREE PLAN REVIEW PERMIT FEE

<u>Permit Fee</u>	<u>Construction Cost</u>
\$25.00.....	For under.....\$100,000.00
\$50.00.....	From.....\$100,000.00 but less than.....\$350,000.00
\$150.00.....	From.....\$350,000.00 but less than.....\$600,000.00
\$200.00.....	From.....\$600,000.00 but less than.....\$2,000,000.00
\$250.00.....	From.....\$2,000,000.00

Barrier-Free Construction Permits

The Office of State Fire Marshal is authorized by the Maine Human Rights Act to conduct mandatory and voluntary plan reviews and issue **Barrier-Free permits for new construction and alterations.**

New Construction* projects. Regardless of cost or size, the following occupancies require a Barrier-Free permit:

- State, municipal or county
- Education
- Health care, residential care nursing homes or any facility licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services
- Public assembly
- Hotel, motel, inn or rooming or lodging house
- Restaurant
- Business occupancy of more than 3,000 square feet or more than one story
- Mercantile occupancy of more than 3,000 square feet or more than one story

* An alteration is considered to be new construction by the Maine Human Rights Act if the cost of the alteration is 75% or more of the replacement cost of the completed facility.

A Design Professional, licensed with the State of Maine, is required on projects over \$75,000 to certify compliance with state and federal accessibility laws. (This applies whether the project is new construction or an alteration.) The builder shall provide the certification to the Office of the State Fire Marshal with the plans of the facility. The builder shall also provide the certification to the municipality where the facility exists or will be built.

Alteration projects (A Barrier-Free permit may be obtained on a voluntary basis).

All projects applying for a Barrier-Free Permit are also required to apply for a Construction Permit.

A Barrier-Free permit is issued in conjunction with a construction permit. These state permits are in addition to any local permits that may be required.

Payment for all fees, Construction Fee, Building Code Surcharge & Barrier-Free Fee, may be submitted on one check, payable to Treasurer, State of Maine.



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BUILDING CODE SURCHARGE

Project Information

Project Name: _____

Street Location: _____ Town: _____

Project Total Square Footage*: _____ **Building Code Surcharge:** _____

Sec. 13.25 MRSA §2450-A is enacted to read:

§2450-A. Surcharge on plan review fee for the Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund

In addition to the fees established in section 2450, a surcharge of 4¢ per *square foot of *occupied space* must be levied on the existing fee schedule for new construction, reconstruction, repairs, renovations or new use for the sole purpose of funding the activities of the Technical Building codes and Standards Board with respect to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, established pursuant to the Title 10, chapter 1103, the activities of the Bureau of Building Codes and Standards under chapter 314 and the activities of the Executive Department, State Planning Office under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A,

The fee for review of a plan for the renovation of a public school, including the fee established under section 2450, may not exceed \$450.

Revenue collected from this surcharge must be deposited into the Uniform Building codes and Standards Fund established by section 2374. **Please mail your Surcharge in the amount shown above to the address at the top of this letter.** Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Date Fee received: _____

Paid by: _____

Check #: _____

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