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Building Permit Checklist for Commercial, Industrial & Institutional Renovations (Includes Tenant Bay renovations)

Tips!

- First tenants within a space must include permitting for all areas within the space (e.g., offices, warehouses, racking, and storage/pallet storage areas), regardless of whether additional construction is planned.
- Professional Involvement Guideline Commercial projects often require full professional involvement. Consult the guideline for details.
 - o If you project requires professional involvement, you must:
 - Consult a registered professional (e.g., architect or engineer) for design and field review.
 - Obtain and submit Schedules A & B with your application.
 - Submit the applicable C schedules before the final inspection.
 - Schedules can be acquired here: https://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/permits-inspections/understanding-codes-and-standards/professional-schedules/

Essential Items to Include

1. Contractor Information □

- Provide complete details for all contractors, including:
 - Their contact information (name, phone number, and email).
 - o Certification details for all **sub-trade permits** (e.g., electrical, plumbing, gas).
- If you are doing the work yourself as a homeowner, check the appropriate box on your online portal application to indicate this.

2. Property Owner Information □

- Ensure that the owner information matches the official land title records.
- If the property has been **recently purchased**, include the **purchase agreement** showing the transfer of ownership.

3. Digital Document Requirements □

- All submitted documents must meet these standards:
 - Flattened PDFs: Ensure all PDFs are flattened to allow for digital markup and review.
 - Unrestricted PDFs: Documents must not have security restrictions that prevent editing or commenting.

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Plans and Documentation

4. Building Plans □

- Submit professionally prepared plans that include:
 - Floor plans: Include room layouts, square footage, building area, door and window details, fire place type and specific measurements for garages, decks, and basements.
 - Structural cross-sections: Provide views showing materials and construction methods.
 - Elevations: Show the building height with calculations and details for glazed openings (e.g., windows and doors).
 - o Construction details:
 - Foundations, walls, roof and floor assemblies, and energy efficiency specifications.
 - Deck framing details (if applicable):
 - Specify pile and pad footing sizes.
 - Ensure pad footings are at least **4 feet below ground level** (or follow the developer's grade slip).
 - Use these minimum sizes for footings where the span between columns does not exceed 3 meters:
 - Uncovered decks: 24" x 24"
 - Covered decks: 36" x 36"
 - Ensure the footing thickness matches its projection beyond the foundation edge to meet the required dimensions.
 - Where the span between columns exceeds 3 meters, calculations are required to determine the new size, or engineering design can be provided.
 - For engineered designs, follow the specifications provided by your engineer.
 - Electrical layouts: Indicate locations of fixtures and switch controls.
 - Roof trusses & floor joist layouts, individual profiles

5. Engineering Stamped Designs □

- Provide engineer-stamped documents for:
 - Lateral support details for window openings in foundation wall greater than 1.2m or 25% of the wall length.
 - Lateral support design for stairway openings in foundation wall.
 - Tall wall designs.
 - Screw pile designs (Including layouts and specifications)
 - Structural components that fall outside of Part-9
 - Projects over 600m² (these require full professional involvement, including geotechnical, architectural, structural, mechanical, and electrical plans).

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 Roof trusses & floor joist layouts, individual profiles (if design mentions Part 4 of the Building Code). Geothermal system designs.
6. Geotechnical Report □
 Required to be submitted with the permit application for all new Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional buildings.
7. Schedules A & B □
 Include Schedules A & B with the permit application for all applicable Registered Professionals of Record: Coordinating Professional: Schedule A Architect: Schedules B Structural Engineer: Schedules B Mechanical Engineer: Schedules B Electrical Engineer: Schedules B Geotechnical Engineer: Schedules B
 Schedules C-1, C-2, and C-3 must be submitted after the project's substantial completion, and before the final building inspection. Schedule C-1: Assurance of Compliance by the Coordinating Registered Professional Schedule C-2: Assurance of Field Reviews and Compliance by the Registered Professional of Record Schedule C-3: Assurance of Delegated Design Compliance and Field Reviews by the Delegated Professional
Required Forms & Permits
(Forms are available on the Rocky View County website: https://www.rockyview.ca/building-forms-documents).
8. Approved Development Permit
 If applicable, confirm requirements under the Land Use Bylaw, Direct Control Bylaws, Area Structure Plans, or Conceptual Schemes before applying for a Building Permit.
9. Construction Value Calculator Form □
 This form estimates the prevailing market value of construction and finishing for commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings. Use the calculated value in your application.

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10. Sub-Trade Permits (Must submit with the building permit application, if applicable) \Box
 Submit separate permits for: Electrical work. Gas installations. Plumbing systems. Gas fireplaces (if required). Temporary gas services (if required). Private sewage treatment or sewer connections.
11. Energy Compliance Documents □
Complete and submit the applicable NBCAE NECB Forms.
Additional Requirements (if applicable) □
Solar, Racking, Geothermal, or Hydronic Heating Systems:
 Refer to specific checklists and guidelines for these systems (https://www.rockyview.ca/building-forms-documents).
Key Notes □

- Always check your local land use bylaws, area structure plans, or direct control bylaws for additional requirements. https://www.rockyview.ca/land-use-bylaw
- Visit www.rockyview.ca/building for forms, guidelines, and resources.

Following this checklist ensures a complete, efficient application process and prevents delays for your project and others.

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