



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION

RESIDENTIAL PLAN
GENERAL NOTES

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

PLAN CHECK NO. _____ DISTRICT NO _____
JOB ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

NOTE: Numbers in the parenthesis () refer to sections of the 2026 edition of the County of Los Angeles Building Code (BC), Residential Code (R), Plumbing Code (PC), Mechanical Code (MC), Electrical Code (EC), and Green Building Standards Code (GC).

INSTRUCTIONS

- The following notes must be included on the plans.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Exterior doors, doors between house and garage, windows and their hardware shall conform to the Security Provisions of Chapter 67 of the Los Angeles County Building Code (LACBC):
 - a. Single swinging doors, active leaf of a pair of doors, and the bottom leaf of Dutch doors shall be equipped with a latch and a deadbolt key operated from the outside. Deadbolts shall have a hardened insert with 1" minimum throw and 5/8" minimum embedment into the jamb. If a latch has a key locking feature, it shall be dead latch type. (BC6709.2)
 - b. Inactive leaf of a pair of doors and the upper leaf of Dutch doors shall have a deadbolt as per paragraph "a", unless it is not key operated from the exterior, or has a hardened deadbolt at top and bottom with 1/2" embedment. (BC6709.3)
 - c. Swinging wood door(s) shall be solid core not less than 1-3/8" thick. (BC6709.1.1)
 - d. Panels of wood doors shall be 9/16" thick and not more than 300 sq. inches. Stiles and rails to be 1-3/8" thick and 3" minimum width. (BC6709.1.2)
 - e. Door hinge pins accessible from the outside shall be non-removable. (BC6709.5)
 - f. Door stops of wood jambs of in-swinging doors shall be one piece construction or joined by a rabbet. (BC 6709.4)
 - g. Windows and door lights within 40" of the locking device of the door shall be fully tempered/approved burglary resistant/protected by bars, screens or grills. (BC6714)
 - h. Overhead and sliding garage doors shall be secured with a cylinder lock, a padlock with a hardened steel shackle, or equivalent when not otherwise locked by electric power operation. Jamb locks shall be on both jambs for doors exceeding 9 feet in width (BC6711)

- i. Sliding glass doors and sliding glass windows shall be capable of withstanding the tests set forth in Section 6706 and 6707 of the Los Angeles County Building Code and shall bear a label indicating compliance with these tests. (BC 6710, 6715)

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

2. Notching of exterior and bearing/nonbearing walls shall not exceed 25% / 40% of its width, respectively. Bored holes in bearing/nonbearing walls shall not exceed 40% / 60% of its width, respectively. (R602.6)
3. Interior finishes in Group R-3 shall have a flame spread index of not greater than 200, and a smoke-developed index not greater than 450. (R302.9)
4. Provide fire blocking in concealed spaces of stud walls, partitions, including furred spaces, at the ceiling and floor level, and at 10-foot intervals both vertical and horizontal. (R302.11)
5. Ducts installed under a floor in a crawl space shall not prevent access to an area of the crawl space. Where it is required to move under ducts for access to areas of the crawl space, a vertical clearance of 18" minimum shall be provided. (MC 603.1)
6. Where flashing is of metal, the metal shall be corrosion resistant with a thickness of not less than .019 inch (No. 26 galvanized sheet). (R903.2.1)
7. Note on the plans: "Roof diaphragm nailing to be inspected before covering. Face grain of plywood shall be perpendicular to supports."
8. Subfloors shall have end-matched lumber, have blocked panel edges, or occur over supports. Floor sheathing shall comply with Section R503.
9. Provide a note: "SMOKE ALARM shall be interconnected hard-wired with battery backup and shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72." (R310.3)
10. Provide a note: "CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM shall be interconnected hard-wired with battery backup." (R311.3)

11. Finish materials including adhesives, sealants, caulk, paints & coatings, carpet systems, etc. shall meet the (VOC) emission limits per LACGBSC Chapter 4.
12. In newly constructed dwelling units, electrical receptacle outlets, switches and controls shall be located no more than 48-in. measured from the top of the outlet box and not less than 15-in. from the bottom of the outlet box above the finish floor. (R328.1.2)
13. In newly constructed dwelling units, doorbell button or controls, shall not exceed 48-in. above exterior floor or landing, measured from the top of the doorbell button assembly. (R328.1.4)
14. Provide a note on the plans "Fasteners for preservative-treated or fire-retardant-treated wood shall be of hot dipped zinc-coated galvanized steel in accordance with ASTM A 153." (R304.3)

GLAZING REQUIREMENTS

15. The following shall be considered specific hazardous locations requiring safety glazing per Section R24:
 - a. Glazing in fixed and operable panels of swinging, sliding, and bifold doors.
 - b. Glazing in fixed or operable panels adjacent to a door where the nearest vertical edge of the glazing is within a 24-inch arc of either vertical edge of the door in a closed position and where the bottom exposed edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches above the walking surface.
 - c. Window glazing in an individual fixed or operable panel, that meets all of the following conditions:
 1. The exposed area of an individual pane is larger than 9 square feet.
 2. The bottom edge is less than 18 inches above the floor.
 3. The top edge is more than 36 inches above the floor.
 4. One or more walking surfaces are within 36 inches, measured horizontally and in a straight line, of the glazing
 - d. Glazing in guards, railings, structural baluster panels, and nonstructural in-fill panels, regardless of area or height above a walking surface.
 - e. Glazing in walls, enclosures or fences containing or facing hot tubs, spas, whirlpools, saunas, steam rooms, bathtubs, showers, and indoor or outdoor swimming pools, where all of the following conditions are present:
 1. The bottom edge of the glazing is less than 60 inches above any standing or walking surface.
 2. The glazing is within 60 inches, measured horizontally and in a straight line, from a hot tub, spa, whirlpool, bathtub, or swimming pool.

- f. Glazing adjacent to stairs and ramps where the bottom exposed edge is less than 36 inches above the adjacent walking surface of stairways, landings between flights of stairs, and ramps, unless the glazing is more than 36 inches measured horizontally from the walking surface, or a rail is designed per Section R308.4.6.
- g. Glazing adjacent to the landing at the bottom of a stairway where the glazing is less than 36 inches above the landing and within 60 inches horizontally of the bottom tread, unless the glazing is more than 18 inches from a protective guard per Section R312.

MECHANICAL/PLUMBING/ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIREMENTS

16. Ducts in the garage and ducts penetrating the walls or ceilings separating the dwelling unit from the garage shall be constructed of a minimum No. 26 gage (0.48mm) sheet steel or other approved material and shall not have openings into the garage. (R302.5.2)
17. Dwelling shall be provided with comfort heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68 degrees F at 3 feet above the floor and 2 feet from exterior walls. (R325.8)
18. The following are required for central heating furnaces and low-pressure boilers in a compartment:
 - a. Listed appliances shall be installed with clearances in accordance with the terms of their listings and the manufacturer's installation instructions. (MC 904.2(1))
 - b. Unlisted appliances shall meet both the clearances in Table 904.2, and the clearances allowed by the manufacturer's installation instructions. (MC 904.2(2))
 - c. When combustion air is taken from inside, the area of combustion air openings shall be 1 sq. inch per 1,000 BTU (100 sq. inch minimum) per opening. One Opening shall be within 12 inches of the ceiling and the second shall be within 12 inches of the bottom of the enclosure. The dimension shall not be less than 3 inches. (MC 701.5(1))
 - d. 1/4-inch screens are required at openings where combustion air is taken from the outside. (MC 701.10(2))
 - e. Separate ducts shall be used for upper and lower combustion air openings and maintained to the source of combustion air. (MC 701.11(4))
19. The following are required for appliances installed in an attic:
 - a. An opening and passageway shall not be less than 22 inches by 30 inches, or less than the size of the largest piece of equipment. (MC 904.10)
 - b. Where the passageway height is less than 6 feet, the distance from access to the appliance shall not exceed 20 feet, as measured along the centerline. (MC 904.10.1)
 - c. Passageway shall be unobstructed and shall have solid flooring not less than 24 inches wide from entrance to appliance. (MC 904.10.2)

- d. A level working platform not less than 30 inches by 30 inches is required in front of the service side of the appliance. (MC 904.10.3)
 - e. A permanent 120V receptacle outlet and a lighting fixture shall be installed near the appliance. Light switch shall be located at the entrance to the passageway. (MC 904.10.4)
 - f. A type B or L gas vent shall terminate not less than 5 feet above the highest connected appliance flue collar or draft hood. (MC 802.6.2.1)
 - g. Appliance installation shall meet all listed clearances. (MC 303.2)
20. Clothes dryer moisture exhaust duct shall terminate on the outside of the building and shall be equipped with a back-draft damper. Screens shall not be used, and the exhaust duct may not extend into or through ducts and plenums. (MC 504.3)
 21. Clothes dryer moisture exhaust duct shall be 4 inches in diameter and length is limited to 14 feet with two elbows from the clothes dryer to point of termination. Duct length shall be reduced by 2 feet for every elbow in excess of two. (MC 504.3.1 & 504.3.1.2)
 22. Heating appliances (water heater, furnace, etc.) located in the garage, which create a glow, spark or flame, shall be installed at least 18 inches above the floor. (MC 308.1)
 23. Ducts shall be sized per Chapter 6 of the Mechanical Code.
 24. The effective flush volume of all water closets shall not exceed 1.28gpf. Urinals shall be 0.5gpf maximum. (GC 4.303.1.1)
 25. Single shower heads shall have a maximum flow rate or 2.0gpm at 80psi. Multiple shower heads serving one shower shall have a combined flow rate of 2.0gpm at 80psi, or the shower shall be designed to allow only one shower outlet to be in operation at a time. (GC 4.303.1.3)
 26. Lavatory faucets shall not exceed 1.5gpm at 60psi. The minimum flow rate shall not be less than 0.8gpm at 20psi. (GC 4.303.1.4)
 27. Kitchen faucets shall not exceed 1.8gpm at 60psi. The faucet may temporarily increase to above this rate, but not to exceed 2.2gpm at 60psi, and must default to the maximum flow rate of 1.8gpm at 60psi. (GC 4.303.1.4)
 28. ABS and PVC DWV piping installations are limited to not more than two stories of areas. (PC 701.1(2))
 29. All showers and tub-showers have a pressure balance, thermostatic mixing valve, or a combination pressure balance/thermostatic mixing type valve. (PC 418)
 30. All new, replacement and existing water heaters shall be strapped to the wall in two places. One on the upper 1/3 of the tank, and one on the lower 1/3 of the tank. The lower point shall be a minimum of 4 inches above the controls. (PC 508.2)
 31. Plumbing plan check and approval are required for 2 inch or larger gas lines and/or water lines.
 32. Ground-fault circuit-interruption (GFCI) for personnel shall be provided per EC section 210.8(A) and installed in a readily accessible location.
 33. Arc-fault circuit-interruption shall be installed to provide protection of the branch circuit. (EC 210.12)
 34. Tamper-resistant receptacles shall be installed in all areas specified in 210.52, all nonlocking-type 12-volt, 15- and 20-ampere receptacles shall be listed tamper-resistant receptacles. (EC 406.12)
 35. Where NM Cable (Romex) is run across the top of ceiling joists and/or where the attic is not accessible by permanent stairs or ladders, protection within 6 feet of the nearest edge of the scuttle or attic entrance shall be provided. (EC 334.23, 320.23(A))