New Home Application – Checklist

Required documents to be submitted to the Circle D Civic Association (CDCA) Architectural Control Committee (ACC) for plan review and approval:

A.	General Submittal Requirements:
	\square Parts \underline{I} and \underline{II} of the Application must be completed, signed and submitted as part of the application process.
	$\underline{\textbf{Part III}} \text{ of the Application is to be completed by a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor (LPLS) and submitted}$
	after form boards are in place and before the concrete is poured.
	☐ Applicable fees (see Construction and Miscellaneous Fees)
	□ Proof of ownership
	☐ Property 911 Address (assigned by Bastrop County Development Services)
	☐ Bastrop County Development Permit (issued by Bastrop County Development Services)
	☐ On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) (Bastrop County Health and Sanitation) *
	A. New OSSF Permit: Include the permit and plans that include all components of the OSSF system.
	B. Existing OSSF System to be reutilized with new construction:
	a. If an existing OSSF is proposed, review Application Part 2 "Use of an Existing OSSF".
	b. Provide a copy of the existing OSSF permit.
	\qed Culvert/Driveway Permit (issued by Bastrop County Development Services or copy of waiver issued stating
	culvert not required by Bastrop County Development Services)
	☐ Bastrop County Development Permit (issued by Bastrop County Development Services)
В.	Site Plan Submittal Requirements:
	☐ Site/Survey plans that includes the new home and outbuildings. The site/survey plans must be drawn to scale.
	☐ Slab inspection report (include licensed engineer's report for existing concrete slabs to be reused)
	☐ Fence plans (required for all animals)
	☐ Trees - Provide a site plan that includes all trees to be removed for the proposed new home and outbuildings
	Note: Clearcutting of trees is not allowed in Circle D. Homeowners and builders must apply for, and obtain, written
	approval from the Circle D ACC before removing a pine, oak, or hickory.
С	. Architectural Plan Submittal Requirements of the New Home:
	☐ Floor plans (scale) and exterior elevations with Specifications *
	☐ Foundation plans
	A. Note: Slab on Grade - <u>Part 3</u> of the Application is required to be completed by Licensed Professional Land Surveyor (LPLS) and submitted to ACC for approval prior to pouring concrete. Please see

Application Part 3 for more information.

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	Office: 111 N. Hasler Blvd, Rm 214
	Bastrop, TX 78602-0852
	Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 11 am to 3 pm Friday 1 pm to 5 pm
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B. Note: Pier and Beam - Part 3 of the Application is required to be completed by Licensed Professional

Part I New Home Application

Application (Parts I, II, III) to be completed by the Property Owner/Builder

Property	Legal Description: Se	ection	Lot #		Acreage/S	ize	
Property 91	1 Address:						
Owner:							
	Name				Phone		
	Address				Email		
Builder:							
	Name				Phone		
	Address				Email		
Estimated	d Start Date:		Estima	ted Comp	letion Date:		
Please pr	ovide the following in	formation for:					
Form Boa	ard Surveyor:				RPLS #:		
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OSSF Ins	spector:			Lice	ense/Certification	on#:	
Applicati	ion must include pr	oof of owner	ship, and all	required	documents as	s shown on the che	ecklist.
Request	for Building Approval	. Check all th	at apply:				
Under Ro	oof Living Space	sq.	ft. Fo	oundation	type: □ Slab	☐ Pier and Beam	
Exterior H	House Colors:		E	xterior Ho	use Materials:		
☐ Attache	ed Garage	sq. ft.	□ Porches _		sq. ft. □	Patio/Deck	sq. ft.
□ Detach	ned Garage	sq. ft.	☐ Shed/Wor	kshop	sq. ft.	□ Barn	sq. f
□ Fence		(t	ype) 🗆 Poo	l	_sq. ft.		
☐ Other ((description)						
□ Comm	ents:						
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Property Owners are responsible for all activities on their properties:

- 1) I am bound to all rules and regulations relating to development in Circle D Civic Association including:
 - a) The Reservations and Restrictions and By-Laws of Circle D Civic Association.
 - b) Bastrop County Development requirements.
 - c) State of Texas Requirements for Development or Remodeling in Unincorporated areas.
- 2) The complete application must be approved by the ACC before lot clearing starts.
- 3) Before construction starts:
 - a) Obtain a Form Board Survey inspection after batter boards are in place and before concrete is poured as required in Application Part III.
 - b) Ensure all permits are posted and visible from the main entrance to property.
 - c) Have a portable restroom brought to your property.
 - d) Have a roll-off trash receptacle brought to your property.
- 4) If an existing On-Site Sewage Faculty (OSSF) is proposed, review Part II "Use of an Existing OSSF". Provide a copy of the existing OSSF permit. An inspection report must accompany this application.
- 5) A new On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) system must meet all applicable laws, rules, standards, and specification; and the permit has been issued.
- 6) If an existing concrete foundation will be used (slab), an engineer's report must be provided with this application.
- 7) Upon completion of construction all trash, brush and debris must be removed from site.
- 8) Construction is completed by expiration of permit 12 months from date of issuance.
- 9) Approval of this application is issued based on plans and specifications herein. In the event of changes, I am required to submit a revised site plan for additional review and approval.

By signature below, I acknowled	ge that I understand the requirements.		
Print Property Owner Name	Property Owner Signature	Date	
	erstand that by signing and completing ntil the Form Board (String) Survey has l		
Print Builder Name	Builder Signature	Date	
If you want your builder or agent	to speak for you during construction, pleas	e indicate below.	==
I authorize	of		to act
on my behalf pertaining to all as	pects of the construction of the aforementi	oned home/property.	
Property Owner Signature	Date		

New Home Application - Improvement Application (if applicable) Part II: Inspection Requirements

Required Inspections

Inspections required in accordance with HB 2833 include three separate inspection requirements. The required inspections include structural, energy, electrical, plumbing and mechanical. The inspections include the following: (1) the foundation stage, before the placement of concrete; (2) the framing and mechanical systems stage, before covering with drywall or other interior wall covering; and (3) completion of construction of the residence.

In accordance with HB 2833 the builder is also responsible for contracting to perform other required inspections by contracting with one, or more, of the following to perform the inspections as required in HB 2833: (1) a licensed engineer; (2) a registered architect; (3) a professional inspector licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission; (4) a plumbing inspector employed by a municipality and licensed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; (5) a building inspector employed by a political subdivision; or (6) an individual certified as a residential combination inspector by the International Code Council.

The Bastrop County Commissioners Court passed a resolution on September 14, 2009 adopting provisions of HB 2833. This action restored residential building code requirements for certain structures that are built in the unincorporated areas of Bastrop County.

In accordance to HB 2833; Residential construction, in the unincorporated areas of Bastrop County, shall substantially conform to either the version of the International Residential Code published as of May 1, 2008 (which is the 2006 International Residential Code) or the version of the International Residential Code that is applicable in the county seat (City of Bastrop). HB 2833 requires that the decision of which code to use is the builder's choice.

These building code requirements apply in the unincorporated areas of Bastrop County for the construction of a new single-family house or duplex or the construction of an addition to an existing single-family house or duplex (if the addition will increase the square footage or the value of the existing residential building by more than 50%).

There are three required inspections. The required inspections must be performed at: (1) the foundation stage, before the placement of concrete; (2) the framing and mechanical systems stage, before covering with drywall or other interior wall covering; and (3) completion of construction of the residence. For remodeling construction to an existing residence, the inspection requirements shall be performed as necessary based on the scope of work of the construction project.

In accordance with the provisions of HB 2833, as adopted by Bastrop County, the County is not involved in the inspection process for the residential structure. The builder is responsible for contracting to perform the required inspections with: (1) a licensed engineer; (2) a registered architect; (3) a professional inspector licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission; (4) a plumbing inspector employed by a municipality and licensed by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; (5) a building inspector employed by a political subdivision; or (6) an individual certified as a residential combination inspector by the International Code Council. A builder may use the same inspector for all the required inspections or a different inspector for each required inspection.

It is the builder's responsibility to (1) comply with these requirements, (2) have the required inspections performed, and (3) maintain copies of the inspection reports. There is no requirement to provide copies of reports to Bastrop County.

I understand that a technical code review has not been performed by the Circle D Architectural Control Committee. I also understand that there will be no technical code inspections performed by the Circle D Architectural Control Committee.

Use of an existing On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF)

Are you planning on reusing the existing OSSF? If so. provide the following information as part of the *New Home* Application:

- 1. The existing On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) shall be tested, and the use and operation of the system shall be verified by a person licensed in accordance with Title 30, TAC Chapter 285.
- 2. If there is an existing OSSF system on site that does not meet the minimum requirements of "Title 30, TAC Chapter 285.3(f) Exceptions" it shall be abandoned in accordance with Title 30, Chapter 285, and a new system shall be permitted and installed to meet the minimum needs of the proposed use.
- 3. The report shall be included as part of the New Home Application.

Use of an existing Concrete Foundation (slab)

Are you planning on utilizing an existing concrete foundation (slab) as part of the proposed construction? If so, please provide the following?

- 1. Please submit an engineer's report that includes the improvements to the existing foundation as conditions for the reuse of the existing foundation.
- 2. Please submit any engineering plans that include any alterations or improvements required by the engineer as conditions for the reuse of the existing foundation.
- 3. The report shall be included as part of the New Home Application.

By signing this document, I acknowledge I have read and understand my responsibility as the builder/owner for the information included in this document. Furthermore, I will comply with all requirements included in this document during the construction of the New Home or applicable Improvement Application.

Construction Site:			
Property Legal Description: Section	Lot#	Acreage/Size	
Property 911 Address:			
Contractor/Owner Signature:		Date:	
Owner Name (printed)		Phone	
Address	En	nail	
Builder Name (printed)		Phone	
Address	Fn	nail	

New Home Application Part III: Form Board Survey Requirements

All New Home Construction is required to obtain the services of a State of Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS) to perform an onsite Form Board (String) Survey prior to pouring a concrete foundation.

Final ACC approval will be granted by the Circle D Architectural Control Committee (ACC) after the Form Board (String) Survey has been submitted, received and reviewed by the ACC. The owner/builder will be notified by email of approval once the Form Board (String) Survey and the RPLS Report has been approved by the ACC.

Attention Builder/Owner: Do not pour concrete until you have received approval from the ACC.

After the Form Board (String) Survey is completed by the RPLS, please email this completed form (Part III) and the RPLS Report to the Circle D ACC at contactus@circledbastroptx.org.

I, as the builder/owner, understand that by signing and completing the information listed below that I shall not

Phone: _____E-mail address: _____

Temporary Quarters Application

The Building and Construction Restrictions in each section allows for temporary quarters to be placed any parcel with ACC (Architectural Control Committee) approval and only after construction has begun. The ACC may limit the time that these temporary quarters remain on the parcel. Upon approval of this application, the property owner will be issued a permit that must be posted at the site of construction and must be visible from the street.

Owner(s) Name:
Mailing Address:
Email Address(s):
Phone(s):
Estimated Dates of Temporary Quarters: Begin Date:End Date:
Property Legal Description of Temporary Quarters Site:
Property 911 Address:
Section Lot # Acreage/SizeR#
Description of Temporary Quarters:
Expiration of Permit: Twelve (12) months from date of issuance. If additional temporary quarters is required, a new application must be filled out and submitted to the ACC for approval.
Property Owners are responsible for all activities on their properties including the following:
Ensuring all permits are posted and visible from the main entrance to property Providing appropriate waste disposal Connecting electricity to temporary quarters Scheduling trash pick-up Complying with all Circle D Civic Association Reservations and Restrictions
By my signature below, I acknowledge that:
 The Temporary Quarters Permit is \$1,000. I agree to place temporary quarters on the parcel only after construction has begun. I am bound to all rules and regulations relating to development in Circle D Civic Association including the Reservations and Restrictions and By-Laws of Circle D Civic Association It is my responsibility to ensure that all provisions of the application are faithfully performed.
Property Owner(s) Signature:
Date:

New Home Site/Plot Plan Requirements

Site/Plot plans must be drawn to an acceptable scale. Site/Plot plans are to include but are not limited to the following items:

- Property 911 address
- legal description
- · north arrow
- drawing scale
- setbacks including front, sides and rear setbacks that are clearly depicted as they relate to the proposed structure
- dimensioned property lines and property pin locations
- · adjacent rights of way, including name, width and surfacing material
- high and low point of grade adjacent to each structure
- permanent benchmark
- · easements
- roof overhangs
- water meter or well location
- On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) location including drain field locations
- underground and overhead utility lines and appurtenances
- driveways
- pools/spas
- trees greater than 15 inches in diameter where the proposed structure affects the critical root zone
- other impervious surfaces located on the property

Construction and Miscellaneous Fees

Construction: Construction may begin after all related documents have been submitted, fees have been paid, and the ACC has approved the application.

Fee	Application Required	Description of Application
\$250.00	New Home Application	This non-refundable fee is due at the time the complete application is submitted. Upon approval of the application a permit valid for twelve months will be issued. The permit must be posted at the site of construction and must be visible from the street. The ACC may extend the time during which the permit shall be valid; otherwise, the permit must be renewed for an additional six months at the same cost as the original permit and thereafter must be renewed semi-annually until construction has been completed,
\$500.00	Delayed Application	Additional fee if building starts before application has been submitted and approved.
\$25.00	Improvement Application	!This non-refundable fee will be assessed when additional improvements are requested. This would include fences, garages, sheds, porches, pools, and the like.
\$1,000.00	Temporary Quarters Application	This application is part of the New Home Application - Part I. Upon approval of the application a permit valid for twelve months will be issued when the property owner/builder/buyer is requesting that someone live in a trailer on site during the construction. The permit must be posted at the site of construction and must be visible from the street.

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\$250.00	Resale Certificate	This includes all information requested by title companies for the closing of the properties.	
\$125.00	Transfer Fee	This fee includes the transfer of property from the seller to the buyer in all Circle D transactions.	
\$25.00	Statement of Account	 A current statement of your account provided by Circle D; OR A statement downloaded by property owners from their PayH0 account at no charge. 	
\$0.10 per page	Copying Charges	See the Records Production and Copying Policy on the Circle D website for complete information.	

Setback Restrictions for Building or Structure Locations Except Fences

Sections	Setback Limitations
Section 1	No nearer than 100' from front, 25' from side, 50' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
	Variances issued on Lots 123-128 & 130: 50' from front and Lot 123 Front changed to Summers Ct from Sage Rd.
Section 2	No nearer than 100' from front, 25' from side, 50' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
Section 3	No nearer than 50' from front, 15' from side, 15' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
Section 4	No nearer than 50' from front, 10' from side, 10' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
Section 5	(4) No nearer than 50' from front, 10' from side, 10' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
Section 6	a. Lots 1-29 & Lots 95-140: 30' from any side
	b. Lots 30-44: 25' from front & back, 15' from side
	c. Lots 45-94: 30' from water, 10' from road, 10' from side except
	lots 70 & 71: 5' from water on SW side only
Section 7	No nearer than 50' from front, 10' from side, 10' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
Section 8	No nearer than 50' from front, 10' from side, 10' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front
Section 9	All lots except Lot 30: No nearer than 75' from front, 20' from side,
	20' from back
	Lot 30: 25' from any property line
East	No nearer than 50' from front, 10' from side, 10' from back
	Dwellings shall face the front

TREE POLICY

A. Purpose

- a. Preserve the forest which is the cornerstone of this unique community.
- b. Maintain the quality of life that is unique to the Lost Pines.
- c. Trees provide oxygen, reduce noise, help cool, provide beauty, and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife that make this area home.
- B. A Circle D Civic Association "Qualified Tree"
 - a. Any pine, oak or hickory located in any section of the Circle D Civic Association subdivision.
 - b. A "qualified tree" is determined by measuring the tree trunk at 4.5 feet above the ground. This is commonly known as DBH (diameter at breast height).
 - c. A "qualified tree" within the Circle D Civic Association Subdivision is protected once it reaches a circumference of 19 inches at DBH.
 - d. To determine the circumference of a tree= Diameter at DBH X 3.1416.
 - e. To determine the diameter of a tree = Circumference at DBH / 3.1416.
- C. Permitted Removal of a "Qualified Tree" required by the ACC prior to removal
 - a. The clearing for a proposed homesite requires prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).
 - b. The clearing for an outbuilding, garage, carport, etc. requires prior approval from the ACC.
 - c. The clearing for a driveway from road to homesite requires prior approval from the ACC.
 - d. The clearing for a fence line when removing a "qualified tree" requires prior approval from the ACC.
 - e. Removal of trees to comply with the Texas A&M Forest Service "Firewise" guidelines requires prior approval of the ACC. https://agrilifecdn.tamu.edu/coastalbend/files/2015/02/Firewise-Landscaping-in-Texas.pdf
 - f. Other unique situations when the need to remove a "qualified tree" exists, requires preapproval by the ACC.
- D. ACC Approval is not required when the following conditions are present. However, it is required that the Homeowner document a perceived threat of a dead or dying tree by photographing a tree, and the tree proximity to a structure, prior to the removal of a dead, dying or damaged tree. An Improvement Application needs to be submitted with the documentation/pictures to the ACC for record keeping. There is no Improvement Application fee required to submit an Improvement Application for tree removal.
 - a. Removal of dead, dying, or damaged trees where they are a danger to structures.
 - b. The removal of a diseased tree even if not a danger to a structure.
 - c. The removal of underbrush is permissible if it does not include the removal of "qualified trees."



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d. In the event of an emergency, where the tree poses a threat of injury to a person or structures, the tree may be removed immediately. Before and after documentation/pictures will need to be submitted with an Improvement Application to the ACC for record keeping as soon as possible.

Note: Circle D Civic Association does not allow clear cutting of a lot under any circumstances.

Note: The wildfire of 2011 destroyed millions of trees in the Lost Pines habitat. Please consider not removing any pine, oak, or hickory regardless of its size unless necessary.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, President of Circle D Civic Association, do hereby attest that at the Board Meeting of the Association held on April 15, 2023, at which a quorum was established this Tree Policy was adopted by unanimous vote.

I, the undersigned, Audit Gurum acting as President of Circle D Civic Association, have this day caused this document to be recorded in the Official Public Records of Bastrop County, Texas.

Executed this day

Judith D Everett

President, Circle D Civic Association

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BASTROP

This instrument was acknowledged before me on <u>My 3 2003</u> by Judith D Everett, President of Circle D Civic Association, a Texas non-profit corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

Notary Public of the State of Texas

LANA DIXSON TH**OMAS** Notary ID #124032518 My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

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How to Appeal a Ruling

How do I appeal a ruling by the Circle D Architectural Control Committee (ACC)? The language below is from the "Amended and Restated Bylaws of Circle "0" Civic Association. It is the language that provides the steps for appealing a ruling by the **ACC**.

SECTION 10.3: Appeals of Decisions of the Architectural Control Committee.

- A. A Member may appeal any action or decision of the Architectural Control Committee pertaining to such Member's lot or lots to the board by sending certified mail to the Association within thirty (30) days of the decision the member wishes to appeal.
- B. If an appeal is sent to the board in accordance with subsection A. above. the Board shallhave 45 days in which to conduct a hearing with the requesting member. At the sole discretion of the Board, the hearing may be conducted at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the board, or another time that is mutually convenient for the Board and the requesting member.
- C. At the hearing, the member may present any plans, evidence, and concerns to the Board. The Board shall have the sole discretion to either adopt, amend. or reject the decision of the Architectural Control Committee. The decision of the Board shall be final.
- D. Members of the board who ruled on *the* Architectural Control Committee application shall not vote in the appeal process.

Follow these steps to appeal a ruling of the ACC to the Board of Directors.

1. Send a letter by certified mail to Circle "D" Civic Association within (30) days after the ruling stating that you wish to appeal the decision of the ACC. Include a general statement in the letter that includes the reason(s) you are appealing the Committee's ruling. Send your letter of appeal to the following address:

Circle D Civic Association PO Box 852, Bastrop Texas 78602-0852

- 2. The Board will make every effort to hear your appeal at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The meetings are generally held every second Saturday of the month starting at 8:30 a.m.
- 3. A notice of the Board Agenda is sent out to members and is posted on the website at circledbastroptx.org.
- 4. At the Board Meeting be prepared to provide any supporting documents including plans, evidence, and concerns that you believe are relevant to support your appeal.
- 5. The Board is open and will listen to all information provided before a final ruling is voted on.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (512) 321-5272.

How to Appeal a Ruling

How to Select a Contractor: Helpful Steps for Circle D Members

- Obtain at least three bids for your project and carefully compare the bids. The lowest bid may not always be the best value.
- A small retainer fee or payment for necessary materials may be appropriate prior to commencement of the project, but full payment in advance of the project is not advisable.
- Additions or alterations to your home that do not meet minimum building, mechanical, plumbing and
 electrical codes may affect title transfers or insurance requirements should you ever decide to sell your
 home. Therefore, be cautious of contractors with no licenses when licenses are required by County
 and/or State laws to perform work on your home.
- Texas State law requires a licensed contractor to have their license with them when performing work on
 your home. It is acceptable for you to require them to show it to you. Write the license number down and
 keep it should you have issues with the work performed. This information would be required should you
 need to file a complaint with the State agency that issued the license.
- Use only licensed trade contractors and request proof of a current license and insurance. The following trades require a license:
 - o Electricians
 - o Plumbers
 - Air Conditioning Contractors
 - Irrigation Contractors
- New homes and certain additions to an existing home.
 - The Bastrop County Commissioners Court passed a resolution on September 14, 2009 adopting provisions of HB 2833. HB 2833 requires building contractors to build new homes and certain additions in accordance with the 2006 International Residential Code or the version of the International Residential Code that is applicable in the county seat (City of Bastrop), The contractor must also obtain the services of a third-party inspector to provide three separate inspections during construction.
 - Building contractors are not required to be registered by the State of Texas or have a license to perform work in the State of Texas. You should verify that a building contractor is competent and insured before allowing them to build a new home or add additions to your existing home. They are, however, required to perform work on a new home in accordance with the International Residential Code.
 - The code and inspections are there to protect your family's life/safety and your investment. You should make sure that you obtain a copy of all inspections reports from your contractor during the three phases of construction.
- Request and verify references, and request to see a list or photos of projects like yours.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau for any complaint records on your contractor.

How to Select a Contractor