

As-Built

As-built construction is defined by the Building Department as construction of a structure or building without permits or the benefit of inspections.

It is our policy to ensure that property is developed and maintained in a safe manner, by promoting excellence in design and building standards.

Through wisdom the Building Department is built, and by understanding it is established.



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As-Built Permitting Process



*Nevada County Community
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*Committed to working with you to bring
your As-Built project into compliance.*



Unpermitted Structures

When construction occurs without the benefit of building permits and inspections, the structure may not be in compliance with California building codes.

The purpose of building codes is to establish minimum requirements to safeguard public health, safety and general welfare.

The Nevada County Community Development Agency and City of Grass Valley Community Development Department offers the public an As-Built permitting process to potentially legalize the construction project.

Steps to Compliance

The first step in the process is to identify all work on the property that was completed without permits and have plans drawn to document that work. In most cases due to the nature of As-Built work, the plans will need to be prepared and stamped by a California Licensed Architect or Engineer. Minor non-structural work may be drawn by an unlicensed person such as a draftsman.

Once plans are prepared, the owner or licensed contractor may apply for an As-Built building permit with the Building Department. The plans will be reviewed by staff who will either provide comments for additional direction or stamp the plans for approval.

After plan approval and the issuance of the building permit, inspections can occur on the project. Due to the nature of an As-Built project not having the benefit of a final inspection, many items such as foundation, framing, wiring, plumbing and mechanical work may not be fully visible to the Building Inspector and may need to be partially uncovered to determine compliance with the codes.

The Building Inspector will work closely with the owner or contractor to determine what areas of building finishes may need to be removed to effectively inspect the work that was done without permits. In many cases the architect or engineer for the project may be able to certify in writing the structural framing and foundation work as completed per the approved plans.

The goal of the inspection process is to insure the work is safe and meets the minimum code standards that apply to that particular structure.

Our Goal

Our goal is to assure all structures in Nevada County and the City of Grass Valley are constructed in accordance with the appropriate codes, ensuring the public's health, safety and welfare.

Community Development staff in Building, Planning, Environmental Health, Fire and Public Works departments will work with you to answer questions and guide you through the permitting process.

