



Building Division Policy

Effective Date: 7/13/2018

Subject: Retaining Wall policy

Retaining wall is a structure that holds back soil and creates a separation of grade or impounds a flammable liquid.

Retaining walls that are not over 3 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to top of the wall will not require a permit unless supporting a surcharge or impounding flammable liquids. Retaining walls greater than 4 feet will require a stamped Colorado engineer and retaining walls adjacent to an elevated driveway or concrete walkway, in commercial use case-by-case, will require a building permit and stamped engineered plans.

Retaining walls at sidewalks for residential foot traffic only 3 feet or less would not require a permit. Landscape retaining walls less than or equal to 4 feet will not require a stamped engineer.