



# NAVIGATING THE INNER CITY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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# NAVIGATING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN THE INNER CITY

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# PROJECT TYPES

# Project Types:

New Single Family
New Multi-Family
New "Tiny" Homes
New Commercial Buildings
Renovating Existing Buildings

## BERNAL SUNRISE COURT (TINY HOMES)



## BERNAL SUNRISE COURT (TINY HOMES)



RENDERING OF PROJECT

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### RUSSELL TERRACE (RECONSTRUCTION)



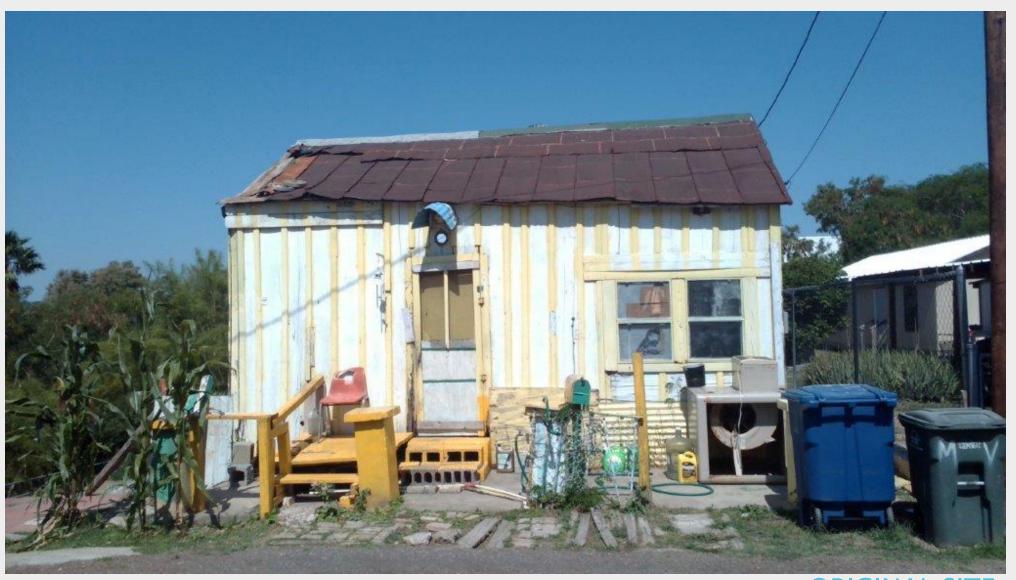
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## 102 ½ SAN JORGE (HOUSING REHAB)



**ORIGINAL SITE** 

# 102 ½ SAN JORGE (HOUSING REHAB)



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### 102 ½ SAN JORGE (HOUSING REHAB)



**COMPLETED PROJECT** 

# ADDRESSING REQUIRED CODES

# Required Codes:

2012 International Building Code

2012 International Residential Code

2012 International Existing Building Code

2012 International Fire Code

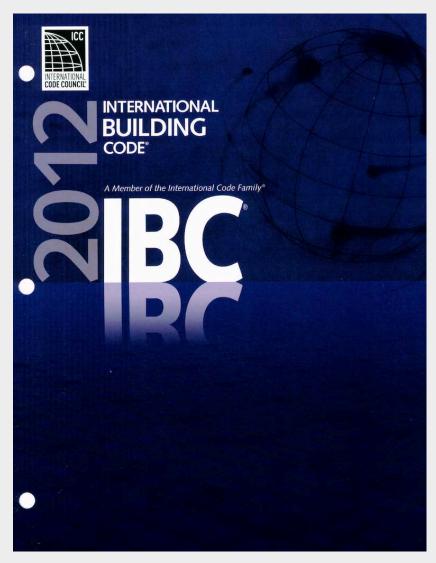
2015 International Energy Conservation Code

2012 International Plumbing Code

2012 International Mechanical Code

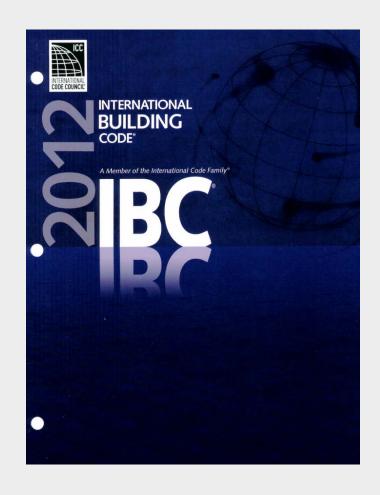
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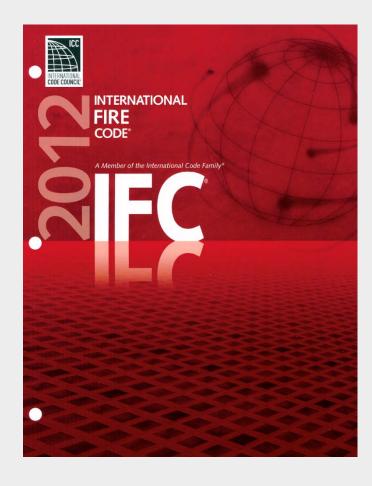
Land Development Code
City of Laredo Code Amendments

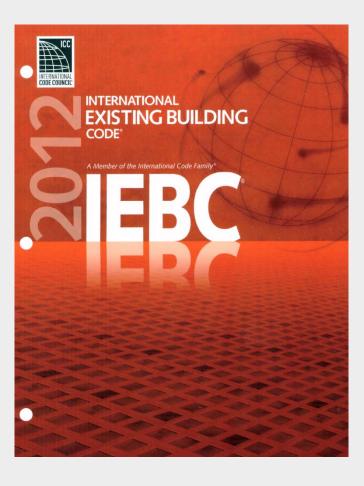


### ADDRESSING CODES FOR INNER CITY DEVELOPMENT

New Construction will fall • Remodels and Renovations will fall under the current ICC Codes. under the Existing Building Code.







### ADDRESSING CODES FOR INNER CITY DEVELOPMENT

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# International Existing Building Code

- Compliance Methods
- Levels of Alteration
- Change of Occupancy
- Historical Bldgs.

# BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS





### "PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT"

A permit is required for adding on to pre-existing structures, and in some cases for major renovations. Failure to obtain a permit can result in significant fines and penalties, and even demolition of unauthorized construction if it cannot be built to meet code.

### PRE-SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS

- Plat Obtain a copy of the plat from Planning Department
- Addressing Is the address valid
- Zoning Is property zoned properly
- **Drainage** A flood plain permit is required if any of part of lot is in floodplain
- Right-Of-Way
- **Neighborhood Empowerment Zone** If property qualifies, are you applying for the abatement process?
- Residential Permit Application may be downloaded from the website or from the Building Development Services offices.
- Construction Plans:
  - A site plan should match the recorded platted lot, with legal description, address, buildings on site, property lines, easements, sidewalks, approaches, curbs, fences, gates, parking, concrete work, and required setback lines.
  - Foundation plan to be conforming to the 2012 IRC and design must be by a Texas Licensed Architect or Engineer and a geotechnical report with a foundation design. If post tension foundation, it must have a Texas registered professional engineering seal.
  - Floor plans, including Foundation, Structural, & MEPs
  - Three set of plans; at least one with a wet seal and one in PDF

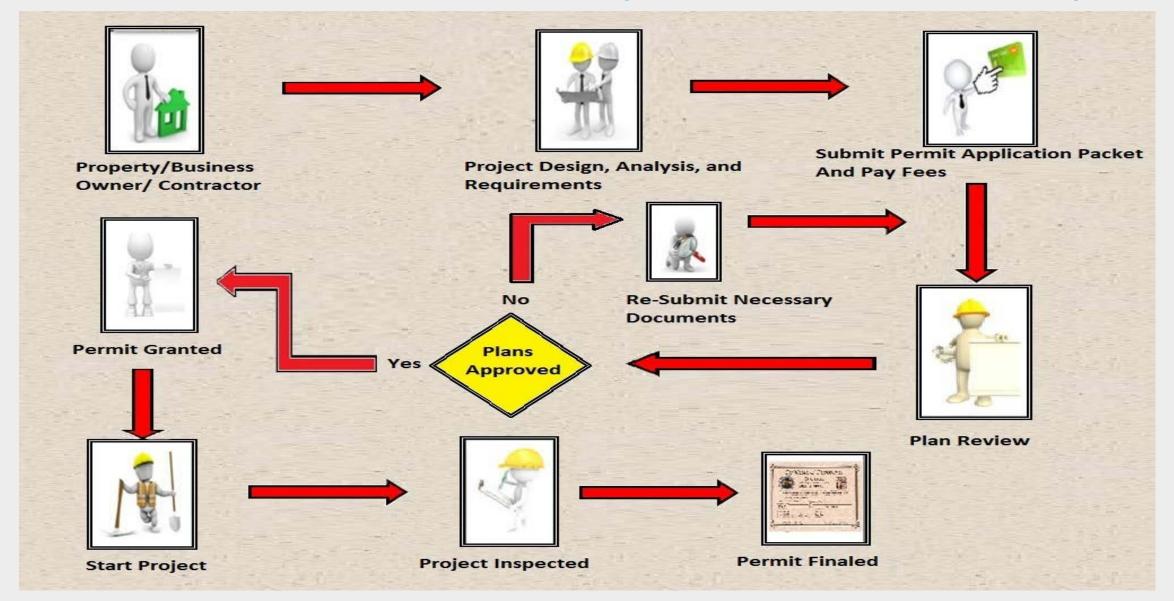
# NAVIGATING CITY REQUIREMENTS (DEVELOPMENT PROCESS) BENEFITS OF ACQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT

#### **PROS**

- ✓ Helps Protect Property Value. Your Home or Business is an Investment
- ✓ Saves Money. Property Insurers May Not Cover Work or Damages Caused by Work Done Without Permits and Inspections
- ✓ Makes Selling Property Easier
- ✓ Improves Safety
- ✓ Registered Contractors that are Bonded and Insured
- ✓ It is the Law

#### CONS for not obtaining a permit

- ✓ Building without a permit could lead to fines
- ✓ Property Insurers May Not Cover Work or Damages Caused by Work Done Without Permits and Inspections
- ✓ Buyers May Not Buy Property if Improvements were not Built Up to Code
- ✓ Compromised Safety
- ✓ No Way of Knowing the Contractor's Background
- ✓ Pay Now or Pay Later



# **Inspection Process** Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical Site Prep Foundation and The Floors, Walls, and Roof Drainage Complete Rough in systems are Roughed in Insulation and interior Panels Final Electrical **Plumbing Final** are installed

Mechanical Final

**Building Final** 

Final Walk Through

### WHO CAN OBTAIN A PERMIT?

- >A property owner is one who owns a Single Family residence may obtain a building permit to construct or repair his residence
- ➤ A contractor is someone who is properly licensed may also obtain a building permit, within the limits established for their licenses
- >All General contractors and its subs must be insured, bonded and registered

# IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE PLANS AND OBTAIN A PERMIT

### **PERMIT FEES:**

The fees for permits required as per section 24.16.1 of the Land Development Code

Total Valuation \$1,000 and less charged	Fee No Fee, unless inspection is required, in which case a \$15 will be
\$1,001 to \$50K	\$15 for the first \$1,000 plus \$5 for each additional thousand
\$50,001 to \$100K	\$260 for the first \$50K plus \$4 for each additional thousand
\$100,001 to \$500K	\$460 for the first \$100K plus \$3 for each additional thousand
\$500,001 to \$1M	\$1,660 for the first \$500K plus \$5 for each additional thousand
\$1,000,001 and above	\$2,000 for the first \$1M plus \$0.50 for each additional thousand

# NAVIGATING CITY REQUIREMENTS

### AREAS FOR POTENTIAL SETBACKS

### SECTION 24-77 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS Section 24.77.1

Residential Districts										Non-Residential Districts												
AG	R-1	R-1A*	R-1MH (Manuf. Home)	R-1MH (Non-Man. Home)	R-2	R-3	RSM	RS	R-0	R-1B	Res. Lot of Record****		Reference Also	AE	B-1	B-1R	СВD	B-3	B4	M-1	M-2	MXD
21/2	21/2	2	2	2	4	4	21/2	21/2	4	2	NA	Maximum Height (stories)		NA	3	1	NA	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
35	35	35	35	35	50	50	35	35	50	35	NA	Maximum Height (Feet)		NA	45	15	NA	160	NA	NA	NA	NA
35	20	20	10	20	20	20	30	30	20	20	10	Front Yard Setback	24.77.2	a*	25	30	a*	25	25	25	25	25
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	30	25	10	10	10	Side Yard Setback (corner)	24.77.10	a*	10	30	a*	10	20	10	10	10
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	5	5	5	Side Yard Setback (interior)	24.77.2	b*	b*	10	b*	b*	b*	b*	b*	b*
35	20	20	10	20	20	20	30	20	20	20	b*	Rear Yard Setback	24.77.2	b*	NA	20	b*	b*	d*	b*	b*	b*
												Minimum Lot Area										
5,000	6,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,600	5,520	NA	15,000	4,500	3,000	2,500	Single Family Residential		4,000	4,600	15,000	4,000	4,000				
					6,000	6,000			6000			Duplex		6,000	6,000		6,000	6,000				
					c*	c.	c*		c*			Multi-Family residential		c*	c*		c*	c*				
e*	e*	e*	e*	e*	e*	e*	e*	e*	e*		e*	Commercial		e*	e*	e*	e*	e*	10,000e*	9,000e*	30,000e*	NA
100	46	42	42	42	46	46	100	75	46	35	30	Minimum Lot Width**		46	46	100	46	46	100	65	100	
			100	100		120	100			85.72		Minimum Lot Depth										

KEY

a\* b\* c\* d\* e\* The minimum setback is zero provided that a sidewalk of not less than eight feet (8'-0") is required for any new construction. Setbacks shall be ten feet (10'0") or the number of feet established in Table 503 in the adopted International Building Code, whichever is greater. The minimum lot area shall be 1,200 square feet per dweeling unit, plus 400 square feet for the second and each additional bedroom. Setbacks shall be twenty feet (20'0") or the number of feet established in Table 503 in the adopted International Building Code, whichever is greater. There are no lot area and lot frontage requirements for tracks intended for uses such as, but not limited to, communication towers and off-premise signs when platted in conformance to provisions provided in Section 212.0105 (b)(2) of the Local Sovernment Code and Section 16.343 of the Water Code, relating to plats that do not require water and sewer services. (Residential lots do not qualify) Staggered front and rear setbacks outlined in Section 24.58, of this Code.

Lot Width measured at the building setback line.

Less than 5,000 square feet.

Date: 11/22/93 (Amended: 2/05/01, 2001-O-036; 9/15/03, 2003-O-217; 7/06/04, 2004-O-157; 7/6/10, 2010-O-084; 9/21/15, 2015-O-126)

Land Use Charts

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- Lots of Record
- Building Setbacks
- Minimum Lot Width and Depth
- Minimum Lot Areas
- Project Densities
- Zoning
- Parking Requirements
- Utilities



 The most important first step, which may seem simple, is set up a predevelopment meeting with the City of Laredo Building Development Services Department. Building Permits, Planning, Engineering, Fire, and Utilities should be involved during this initial step.

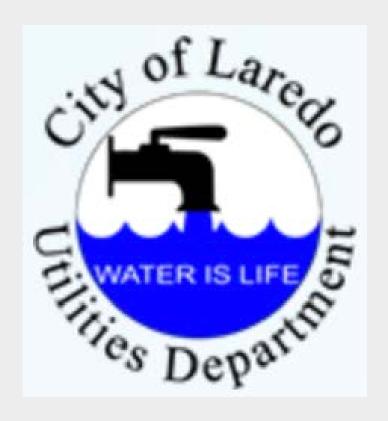


### **Building Permits**

- Three Full set of plans (Architectural, Civil & MEP
  - At least one PDF and one Wet Seal
- Include Project Valuation
- Pay Fees to begin Review Process
- Must show ICC 2012 code compliance



- For issues related to building setbacks, minimum lot width, lot depth, and areas, developers can approach the Board of Adjustments for a variance.
- For issues related to project densities and parking requirements, developers can apply for a Special Use Permit.



- For issues related to utilities, contact the Utilities representative at the City of Laredo Building Department. They can help you locate existing lines and taps.
- It is important to note that sites located in the Inner City will have old lines and may need to be relocated or replaced.



• For issues related to fire, know the codes. The City of Laredo has amendments to the codes which may affect your development costs. Fire protection systems are big ticket items which can be the difference when planning a project.

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

# Thank you