



WALLA WALLA COUNTY

Community Development Department

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Construction of Bridges

Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit

This permit is required if the bridge is located within the shoreline of the Columbia River, Snake River, Walla Walla River, Touchet River, Mill Creek, or Dry Creek (below Sapollil Road).

The application includes a JARPA (Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application) form, a SEPA (State Environmental Protection Act) checklist, a site plan, and construction drawings for the bridge.

The fee for a Shoreline Management Substantial Development permit is \$950 and a SEPA checklist is \$380. (The fee for a Shoreline Exemption is \$95.)

The permit is administered by planning staff in the Community Development Department. Applications are reviewed by planning staff and the Hearing Examiner.

Hydraulics Permit

This permit is required for any work in or over any naturally occurring stream.

The permit is issued by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife. For information, contact Mark Grandstaff, at 509-527-4141. The JARPA application is used for this permit and the application form is also available at the Community Development Department.

Critical Areas Permit

This permit is required if the bridge will cross a naturally occurring water body, unless a Shoreline Management permit is required.

The application includes a completed Critical Areas Permit form, SEPA checklist, a site plan, and construction drawings for the bridge.

The fee is \$95 for the Critical Areas Permit and \$380 for the SEPA checklist.

The permit is administered by planning staff in the Community Development Department.

Determination of High Water Mark

Excavation for and placement of the foundation and superstructure shall be outside the ordinary high water line unless the construction site is separated from waters of the state by use of an approved dike, cofferdam, or similar structure. This determination must be made by a qualified agency approved by this department.

Determination of Base Flood Elevation

The 100-year base flood elevation (BFE) must be determined by a licensed surveyor. The lowest point of the bridge superstructure must be a minimum of two feet above this elevation.

Building Permit

A building permit is required if the bridge is to be used for vehicular access to a residence or other structure.

The application must include a completed permit application form, a site plan, and two sets of construction drawings, which have been approved by a licensed structural engineer to the width and weight capabilities of the applicable fire district. A footing inspection and final inspection will be required. The fee is based upon the value of work proposed.

Other

Some of these requirements also apply for placement of a culvert in a stream. If the proposed bridge is adjacent to a road right-of-way or will affect the location of a future driveway, the appropriate jurisdiction should be contacted:

Walla Walla County Public Works 509-524-2710
WA State Dept. of Transportation 509-575-2541

For crossings of an irrigation canal, check with the irrigation district for permission.

