



POL: 13-108

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TITLE: Deck Engineering

Policy Summary:

Requires engineering on any deck ten (10) feet or more feet in height. Plans must be reviewed and approved prior to framing inspection of home.

Background:

The topography of Happy Valley is diverse and some sloping lots will have decks as high as thirty (30) feet off of finished grade. To ensure the safety of the Happy Valley residents the Building Division will require engineering on any deck ten (10) feet or more in height. The 2011 Oregon Residential Specialty Code requires specific attachments to connect the deck to the home (structure). In order to minimize the possibility of removing sheetrock and minimizing the impact of installing hardware at the building final, the Building Division will require the engineering to be submitted and approved prior to the house framing inspection.

Policy:

To ensure the safety of home owners in the City of Happy Valley, all decks over ten (10) feet in height will be required to have engineering to show the correct construction and connection of decks to the structure. The engineering must be submitted and approved prior to the framing inspection on the home.

Note: The Building Official can waive requirements at their discretion when extenuating circumstances allow.

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