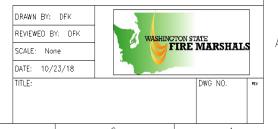
## **Basic Plan Review**

October 23, 2018 David F. Kokot, P.E.



## Agenda

- Background of plan review
- 2. Understanding basic terms
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- 4. Plan fundamentals
- 5. Reviewing plans
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- 10. What to look out for
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## Background of Plan Review

Plan review is the process of evaluating plans developed by competent professionals that show how a building, site or system will be constructed in accordance with the applicable codes for the authority having jurisdiction.

Plans include drawings, calculations, specifications, material cut-sheets, manufacturer data, among others.

Plans can be paper or electronic.





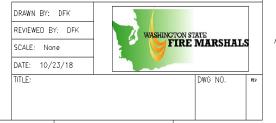


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# Background of Plan Review

The intent of plan review is to determine if the submitted design meets the minimum requirements of the codes in effect at the time of submission.

It does not mean that the reviewer has to correct or perform design on the plans for the design professional.



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## Understanding basic terms

**Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)** – The agency responsible for the compliance of the code.

**Design Professional** – person performing the design who is not a registered engineer or architect.

**Licensed Professional** – Licensed engineer or architect.

**Registered Professional** – Design or Licensed Professional that is allowed to perform design in a jurisdiction.

**Plans** – Product provided by registered professional showing the scope of work. scope of Work – The extent of the work that is to be accomplished by the application for permit.

**Application** – The completion of the form to include drawings, specifications and equipment cut-sheets for the scope of work that is submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.

Approval – Status given to application that allows work to begin.

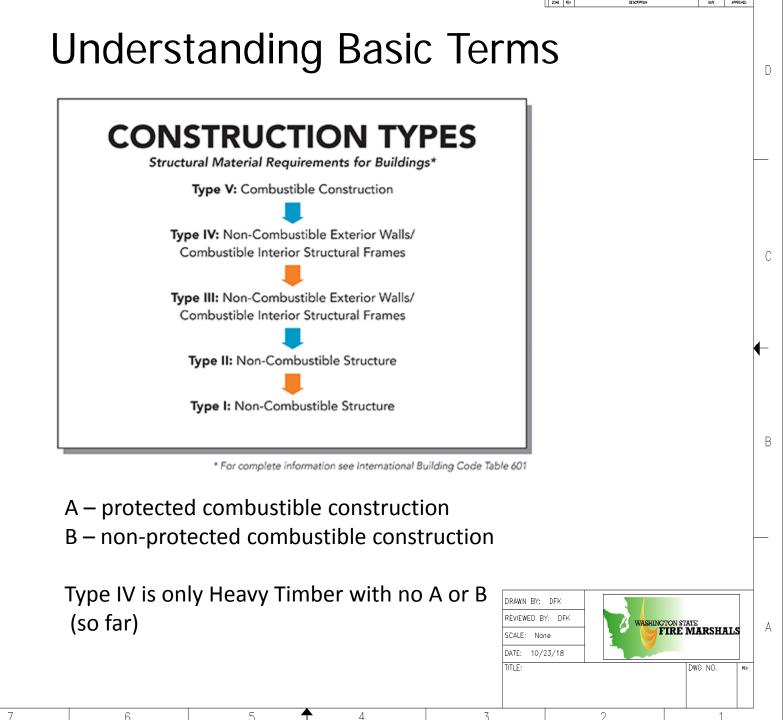
**Revisions Required** – Application not complete or does not meet the minimum requirements.

**Conditional Approval** – Status given to plans that require minor markups for approval. Markups (or redlines) can be provided by the AHJ.

"Almost Approved" – Close, but not close enough.

**Construction Type** – Type of Construction for the building **Occupancy Classification** – Occupancy designation for all or part of a building.

**Fire Area** – The total area under the roof and extensions that are separated by fire barriers.



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Understanding E	Basic Terms
Building Occupancy Type  A – Assembly  A1 – With fixed seating – theaters, TV studios, concert halls  A2 – Intended for food/drink – restaurants, bars, banquet halls  A3 – Worship, recreation, or amusement  A4 – Indoor sporting events  A5 – Outdoor activities  B – Business - Office, College classrooms, Banks, Labs, Ambulatory Care Facility  E – Education – Education of 6 or more through the 12 grade  F – Industrial  F1 – Moderate Hazard – combustible products  F2 – Low Hazard – non-combustible products  H – Hazardous  H1 – Detonation hazard H2 – Deflagration hazard H3 – Physical hazard H4 – Health hazard H5 – Semiconductor development I – Institutional I1, Group 1 >16 for 24 hour custodial	I1, Group 2 - >16 for 24 hour custodial care need assistance for evacuation 12 - >5 for 24 hour medical care 13 - >5 for persons under restraint or security  M - Mercantile - stores, markets, sales R - Residential R1 - Transient R2 - Non-Transient R3 - Non-Transient not R1 or R2  S - Storage S1 - Moderate-hazard storage - Furniture, clothing, hangar, etc. S2 - Low-hazard storage - food, glass, metal products, parking garages U - structures not classified in other occupancy - barns, carports, sheds, towers
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### Tools for Plan Review

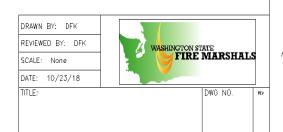
Tools to Conduct an appropriate Plan Review:

- 1. Codes (paper or electronic) applicable to the review IFC, NFPA, etc. be sure to include current versions of State and local amendments!
- 2. Space large enough to comfortably review the plans with minimal interruption.
- 3. Means of measuring dimensions.
- 4. Technical resources.
- 5. Means of tracking progress and any comments.
- 6. Checklist of what needs to be provided.
- 7. Background or training in codes and construction.









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Tools for Plan Review

Code Resources:

I-Codes – Free read-only

https://codes.iccsafe.org/public/collections/I-Codes

**State Amendments** 

https://fortress.wa.gov/es/apps/sbcc/Page.aspx?nid=14

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### Plan Fundamentals

#### Plans include:

- Drawings of the work to be completed
- 2. Information about the designer
- 3. Signed and dated stamps (where necessary) of the design professional taking responsibility for the design
- 4. Scale of plans
- 5. North arrow
- 6. Title and drawing number
- 7. Specifications companion bound text written to describe details and standards for the construction
- 8. Cut Sheets manufacturer's information
- 9. Legend
- 10. Notes about specific items on the plan
- 11. Details
- 12. Construction type
- 13. Occupancy(single/mixed)

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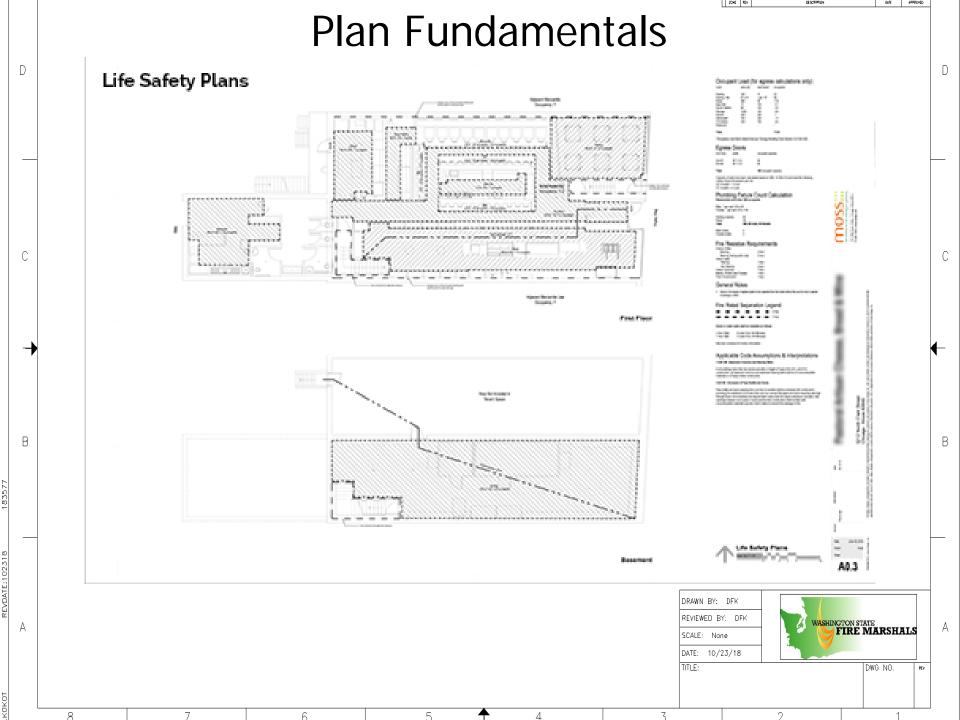
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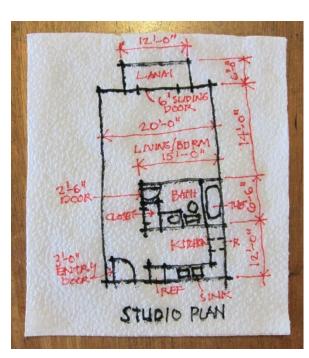


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# Reviewing plans

To begin reviewing a set of plans:

- 1. Be sure that the set provided is complete.
- 2. Review the application for the scope and other information about the work (including address)
- 3. Review existing address for other permits or work that has been done.
- 4. Verify that the appropriate stamps have been provided on the plans.



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# Reviewing a plan

The specific plan review conducted can vary depending upon the type of design, local requirements, and the type of system that is being provided.

- 1. Verify that the designer has indicated the correct code that is used.
- 2. Review the plans for clarity. Can the notes be read easily? Do references match notes?
- 3. Do the plans clearly indicate the work scope?
- 4. Are there variances or exceptions that are requested?



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# Reviewing a Plan

**Now** you can begin reviewing the plans:

- 1. Review each drawing to make sure that the work being done matches the information in the application.
- 2. Details need to be provided for any part of the plan that is not clear or can be confusing to understand what the intent is.
- 3. Review the application and all of the notes.

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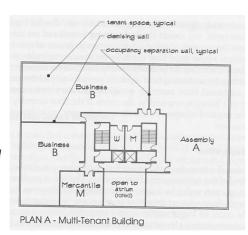
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# Reviewing a Building Plan

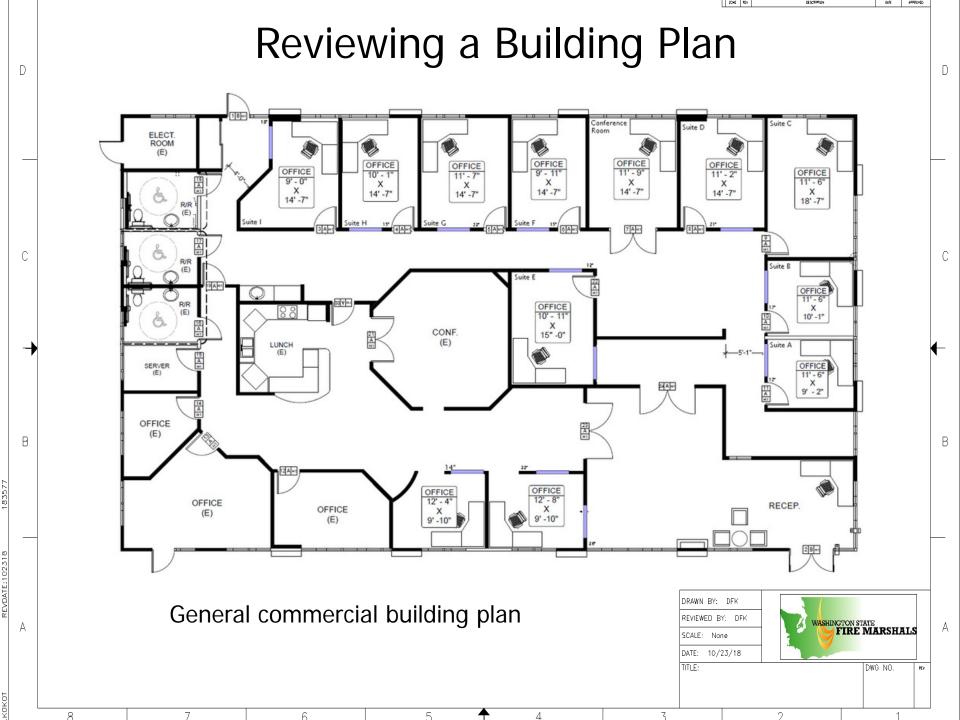
- 1. Look over the plan for occupancy or fire separation (there is a difference).
- 2. Does the fire area trigger life safety systems?
- 3. Are there adequate egress paths?

#### **Occupancy Separation**

- Occupancies that have dissimilar risk factors are required to be separated by fire barriers or horizontal assembly
  - Required for horizontally adjacent spaces as well as vertically adjacent
  - Note: when deciding on the rating for a horizontal assembly (floor/ceiling) make sure to check Building Type rating as well - use the strictest one.







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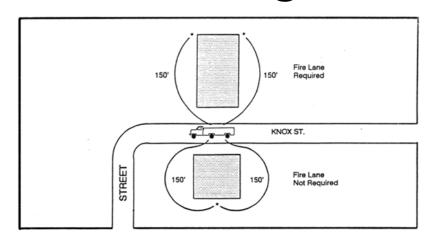
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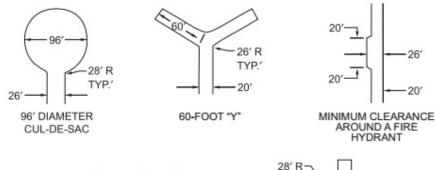
- 1. Review site for fire apparatus access.
  - A. Is there adequate width and clearances?
  - B. Does the access have adequate turning radius?
  - C. Is the surface of the drive acceptable?
  - D. Are there obstructions to the access?
  - E. Is aerial access required?
- 2. Review locations of fire hydrants, PIVs, FDCs.
  - A. Look for distances between hydrants and FDCs
  - B. Are these readily accessible?

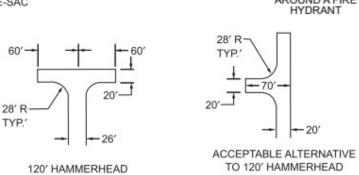




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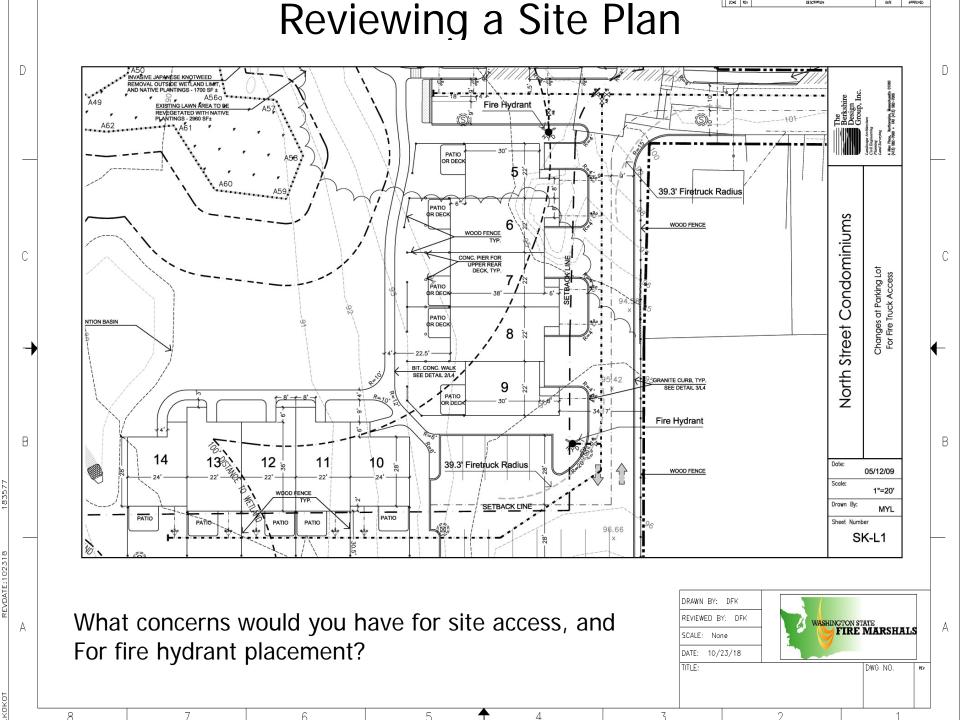






- 1. Make sure apparatus can get to within the required distance to buildings.
- 2. Verify street width and radii to allow for apparatus movement.
- 3. Dead-ends longer than 150' require compliant turn-around.
- 4. What about trees or other obstructions to buildings?





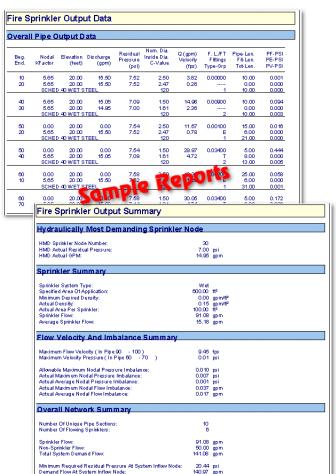
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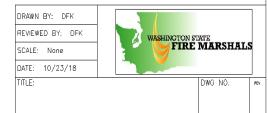
#### Plans include:

- 1. Design density
- 2. Occupancy hazard classification
- 3. Type of fire sprinklers
- 4. Spacing of fire sprinklers
- 5. Bracing/seismic design
- 6. Pipe material
- 7. Wet or dry
- 8. Water supply
- 9. Remote areas
- 10. Hydraulic calculations



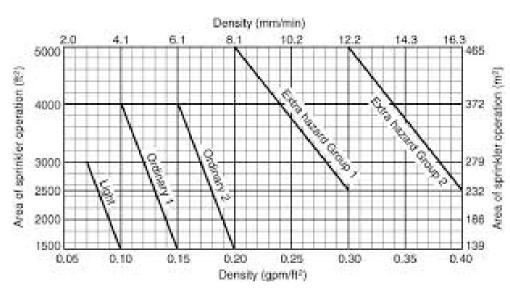






### Fire Sprinkler Review

- 1. Occupancy Hazard Classification (NFPA 13)
  - 1. Light Hazard
  - 2. Ordinary Hazard Group 1
  - 3. Ordinary Hazard Group 2
  - 4. Extra Hazard Group 1
  - 5. Extra Hazard Group 2



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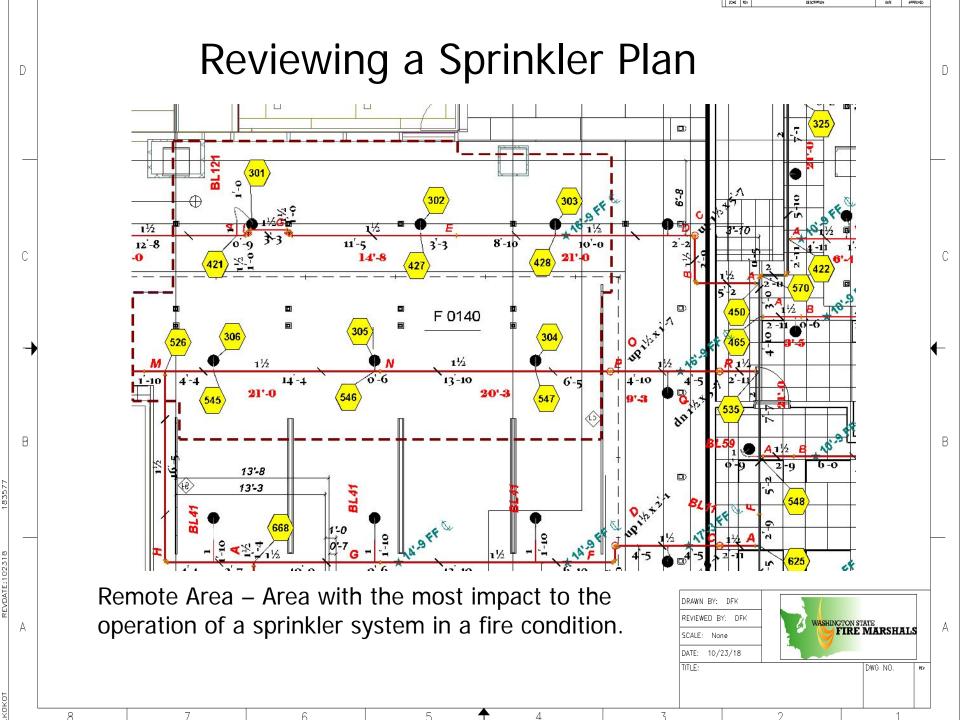
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### Fire Alarm Review

- 1. Type of system
- 2. Central monitoring and type
- 3. Voice or emergency evacuation
- 4. Secondary power
- 5. System voltage loss
- 6. Placement of devices does it meet listing?
- 7. Environment being protected

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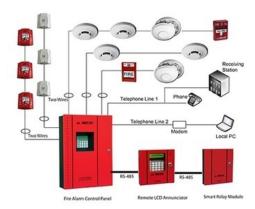
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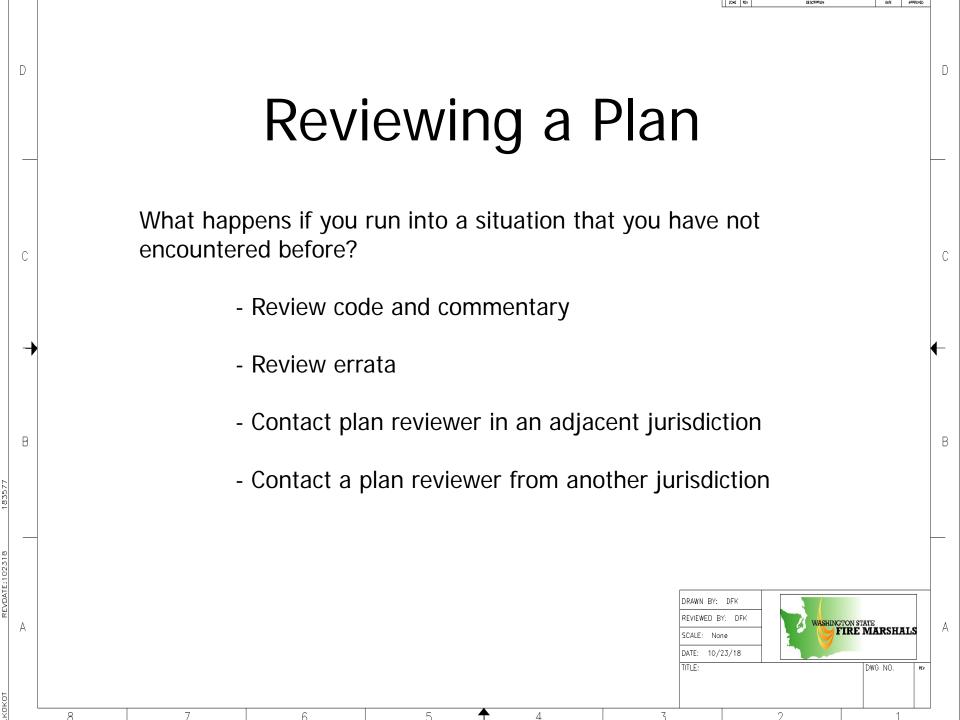
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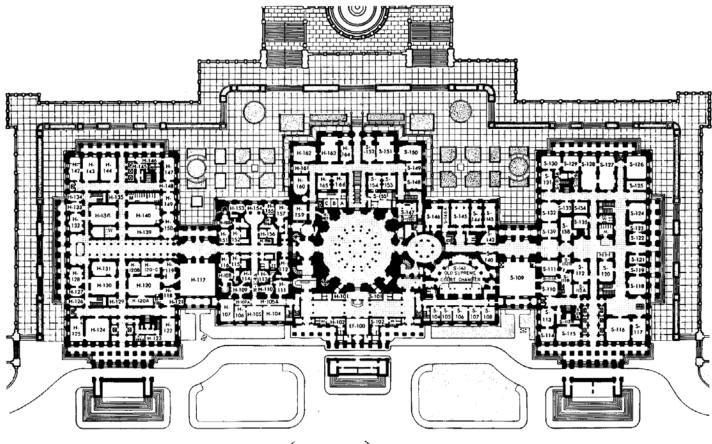
There are several items to look out for to be sure that the plans are complete.

- 1. Do the plans provide a 3-dimensional understanding of the work?
  - A. i.e.: The plans are of a small warehouse. How tall is the building? Why is that important?
- 2. Does the declared occupancy match the proposal?
  - A. i.e.: Community center (A3 occupancy) will be used for banquets
- 3. The occupant load in the code summary states 87 occupants, and the plans show 105 seats.
- 4. Rooms not labeled for use.



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### What to look out for



FIRST (GROUND) FLOOR PLAN
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Does this floor plan give enough information to do a building or site review?



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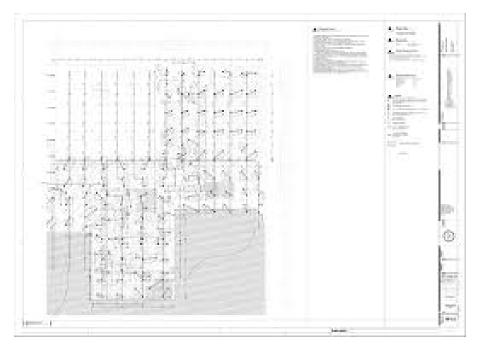
What to look out for 2. Do the plans provide a scale that they were drawn to? Does the scale match the plan? i.e.: The title block states that the plan is 1/8" = 1'-0", but a measurement indicates that it is drawn to 1/4"=1'-0". DRAWN BY: DFK

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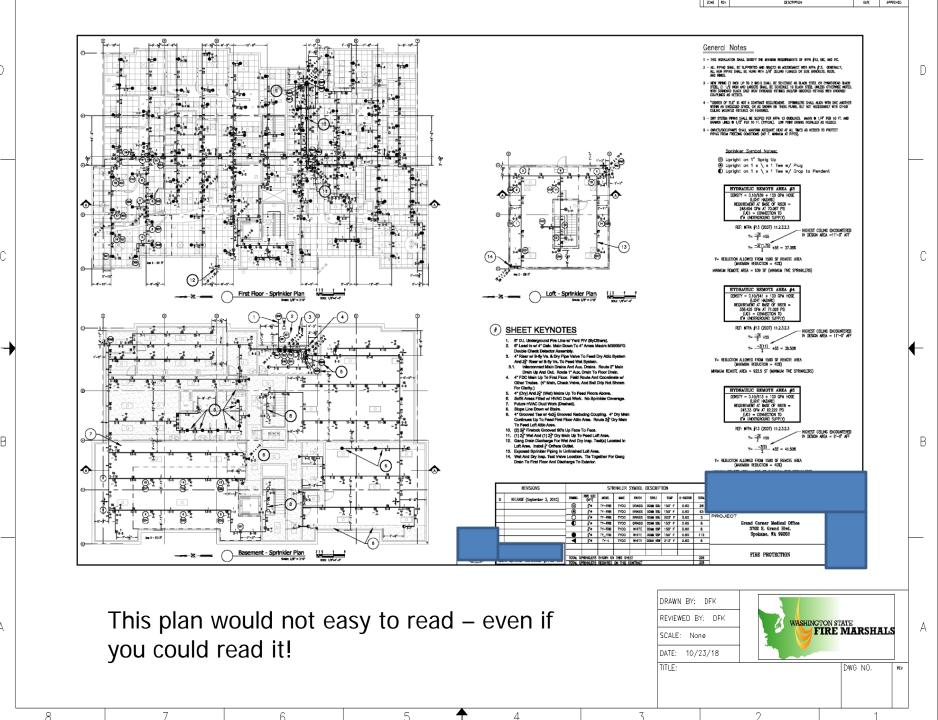
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3. Can the plans be clearly read?

i.e.: The plans may have multiple lines that obstruct note callouts or other text that cannot be read

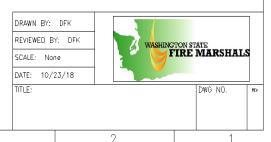






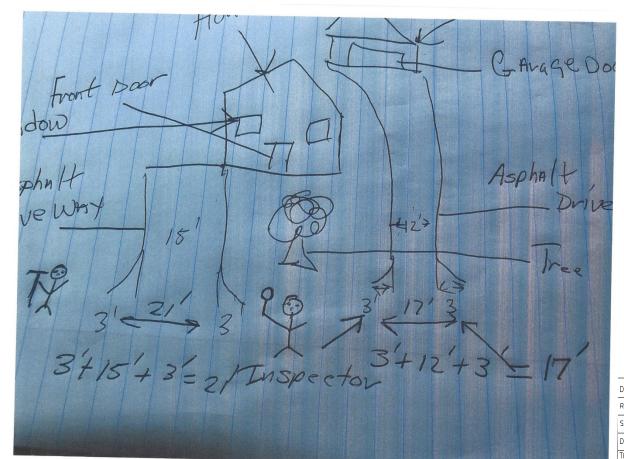
### Plan Review Questions

- 1. I am remodeling an existing building. Will I need to install fire sprinklers?
- 2. If I have 85 seats but only allow 49 customers at a time, do I still need to provide a second egress?
- 3. I am putting a daycare in the basement of a church. Is there anything that I need to be aware of?
- 4. Well, the space was used as an apartment, so doesn't that grandfather it?
- 5. Can I open my business and install fire sprinklers once I have the income?
- 6. "Seattle does not do this, why do have to do that here?"
- 7. How come you guys always look at the negative?



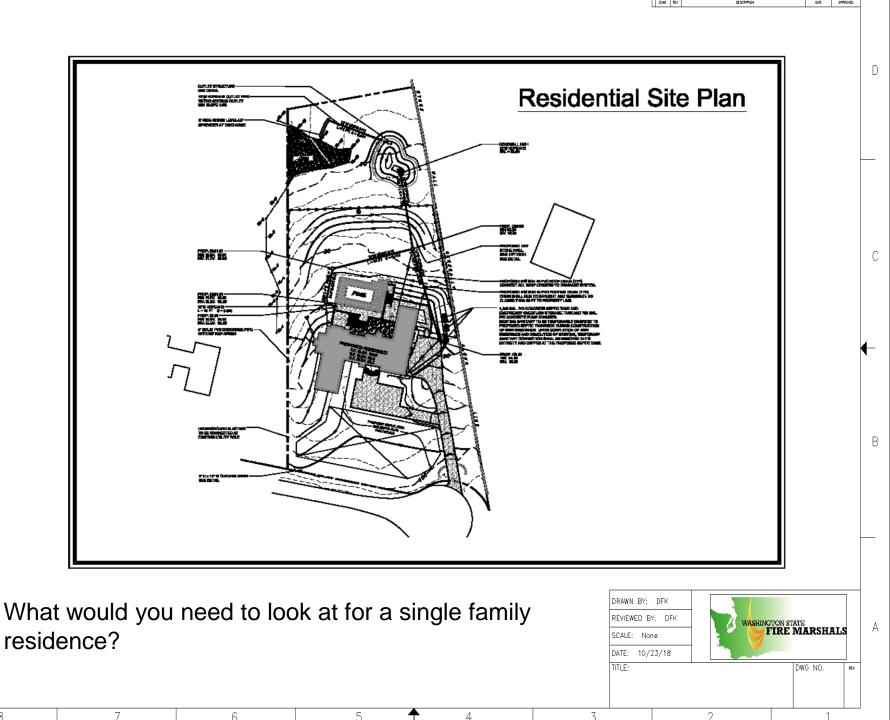
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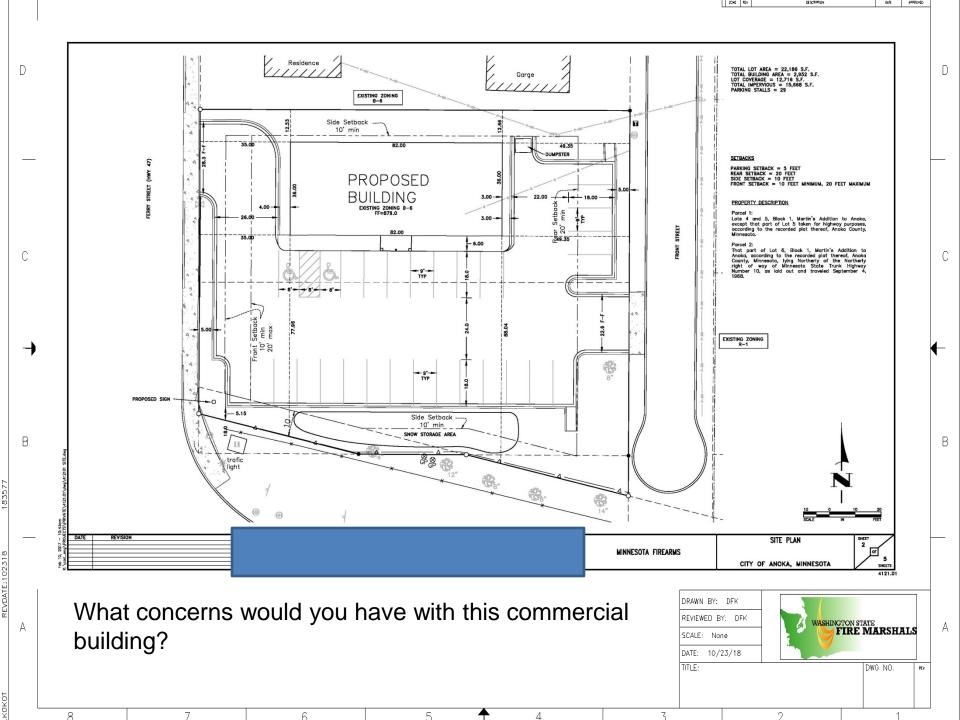
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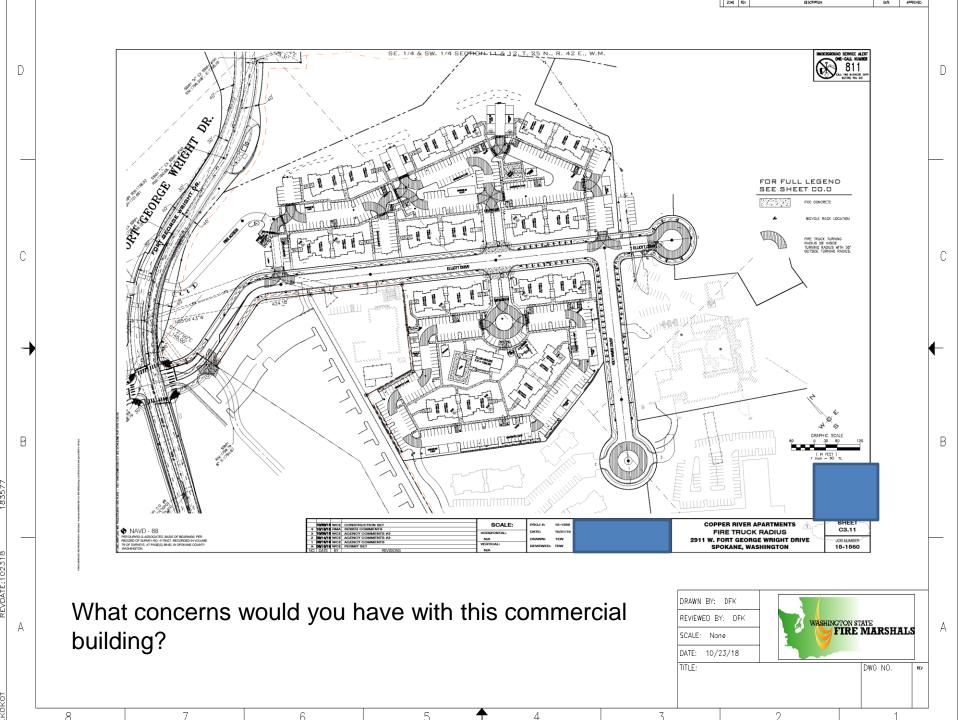


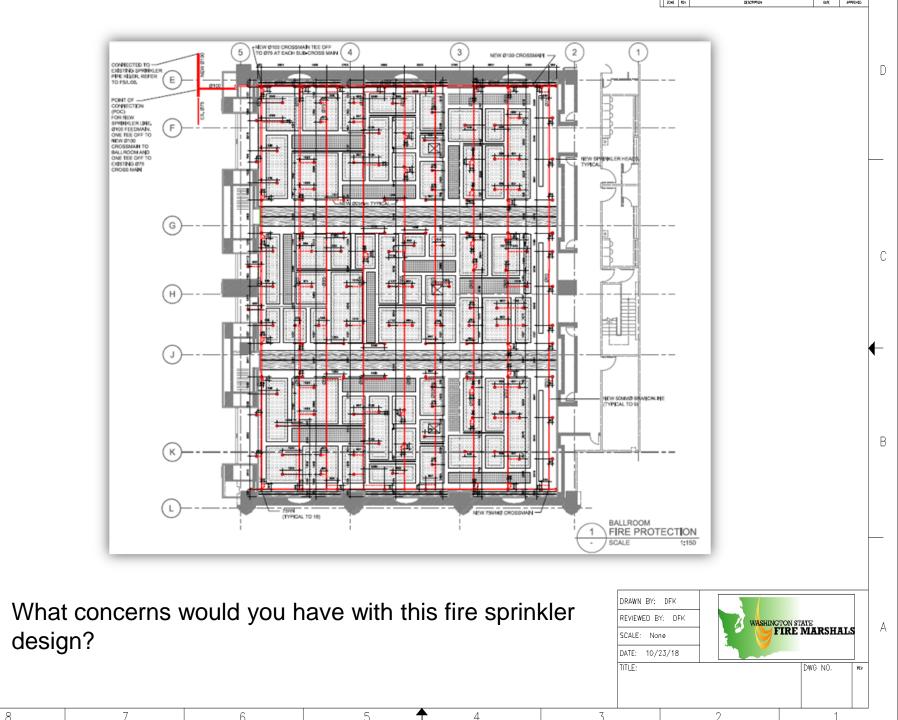
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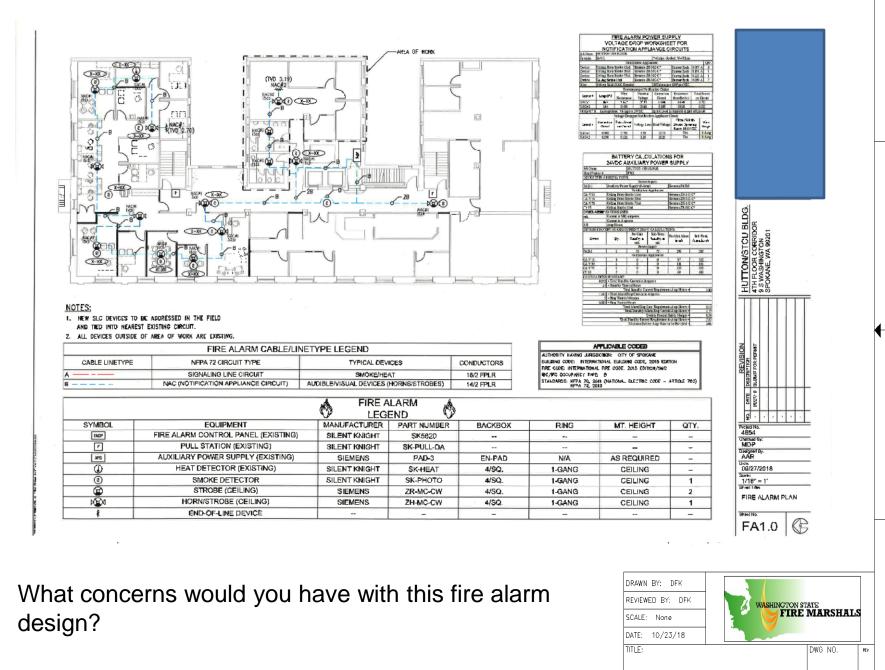
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# Final Thoughts

Consistency is critical to successful plan review
As easy as this sounds, it can be challenging as no two projects are exactly the same and the Code is not specific enough for all buildings.

No matter your opinion, the Code needs to be followed To step away from the basic code requirements is what a slippery slope refers to.



