



CITY OF PITTSBURG  
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Engineering Division  
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RETAINING WALL REQUIREMENTS

A permit is required when replacing or constructing a new retaining wall, of any height, in the City of Pittsburgh. However, if the wall is above four (4) feet, measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, the applicant must submit structural calculations, unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer.

All plans and details can be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper and does not need to be drafted by a licensed engineer, unless structural calculations are required, then details must be provided by a licensed structural engineer.

Submittal Requirements:

1. Complete Application
2. Site Plan (example below) consisting of the following:
  - a. Property lines
  - b. Easements (if applicable)
  - c. Location of proposed retaining wall and dimensions
  - d. Show all existing structures on property
3. Details of retaining wall (details must show existing and proposed ground inclination = slope and drainage behind retaining wall). If using keystone or another manufactured wall you can bring in the manufacturing details with all the specifications and details provided by the manufacturer.

**Example Only:**

