

A permit is required if the proposed retaining wall:

1. Supports a structure, or;
2. Supports a vehicle load, or;
3. Measures over four (4) feet in height—measured from the bottom of the footer, or;
4. Is located in a regulated floodplain, or;
5. Requires changes to the approved grading plan, or;
6. Replaces an existing wall and requires changes to the design or location for the new retaining wall

Additional Requirements:

1. Retaining walls shall not be in excess of four (4) feet in height
 - a. If the wall is greater than four (4) feet in height, the retaining wall shall be terraced so as to provide a minimum of four (4) feet of flat ground between the faces of the retaining walls of each four (4) foot section of retaining wall.
 - b. The flat terrace shall be sloped to a maximum of two (2) percent to allow drainage.
2. Retaining walls more than four (4) feet tall, measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall require a major subdivision waiver or council approval through the zoning process, and must be engineered and be stamped by a registered engineer.
3. Retaining walls traversing three (3) or more lots within a subdivision shall be located within a private retaining wall easement dedicated to the homeowners' or property owners' association of the subdivision.
4. Retaining walls shall be constructed in accordance with the grading plan and shall comply with the requirements of the applicable building code and this ordinance.
5. No building permit, other than for a retaining wall, shall be issued for any lot within a subdivision until all retaining walls are constructed in accordance with a grading plan for the subdivision.
6. The applicant must submit plans with the permit application for any proposed changes to the grading plan within a subdivision.
7. A separate floodplain development permit is required for construction in the floodplain. Plans should be submitted to the City Engineer, along with other required documentation, prior to beginning any construction activities in the floodplain.

Submittal Requirements:

1. A completed Miscellaneous Permit
2. Two (2) site plans showing the proposed location of the wall
3. Two (2) sets of engineered construction plans with dimensions and materials
4. The contractor must be currently registered with the City
5. The permit fee is based on the estimated value and a plan review fee 65% of the permit fee is assessed

To Schedule an Inspection, Call: 940-498-3207

The City of Corinth has adopted the:

- 2015 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2015 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2014 National Electric Code (NEC)
- 2015 International Fire Code (IFC)
- Unified Development Code (UDC)