

# BASEMENT ROOMS

Before a permit can be issued, a completed permit application must be submitted along with the following information **IN DUPLICATE.**

**SCALE DRAWINGS MUST SHOW:**

Entire basement area.

Proposed room sizes including door opening widths, hallway width, stair landing dimension (minimum 36"x36").

Plumbing fixture placement (bathroom).

Location of heating equipment.

2nd means of egress in the case of bedroom construction.

Window details if window is to be 2nd means of egress.

This informational sheet is not intended to answer all questions relative to 2nd floor construction. It merely provides **basic information common to most projects.** All requirements would be impossible to cover on this sheet. If you have other questions, please call the Inspection Department, 769-2211.

**YOUR BASEMENT ROOM SHALL HAVE:**

A minimum ceiling height of 7' for a minimum of 50% of floor area allowing 8" less for beams & ductwork.

Warm air supply and cold air return when forced air heat is used.

Heat (habitable rooms).

Proper electrical outlet placement (for habitable rooms).

Natural light to sleeping rooms in the amount of 8% of net floor area.

Proper clearances to heat producing equipment.

Balanced mechanical ventilation to habitable rooms, in lieu of openable windows in the amount of 3.5% of floor area (1 change per hour)

Wall coverings suitable for below grade installation.

A minimum (1) smoke detector.

Exhaust ventilation for rooms containing toilets, tubs or showers.