

# CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR FINISHED BASEMENTS

The following information must be included on your building plans.

1. No Site Plan is required.
2. Floor plan showing the use and size of each room.
3. Wall section indicating stud size and spacing (example: 2X4 16" o.c.)
4. Sole plates for partition walls must be treated wood.
5. Type of insulation.
6. If garage is located next to area to be finished, one layer of ½" drywall must be installed on both side of common wall.
7. Ceiling height must be 6'8" minimum and 6'4" under beams and ducts.
8. Basement Bedroom Finishes:  
must have minimum of 5 sq. ft. egress window, with maximum 44" sill height.
9. Smoke detectors:
  - one for general basement area
  - one in each bedroom, and
  - one outside the vicinity of the bedroom, within 10 ft. of the room.
10. Ventilation is required when enclosing furnace rooms and water heaters. Please specify what type of furnace or water heater you are enclosing (i.e. high efficiency, gas, electric, etc.)