Unfinished Basement Without Concrete Floor Slab

Perimeter foundation permits can be issued "over the counter" if the proposed building is not going to be raised and there are no exterior alterations proposed to the building.

- The following plans are required:
  - Plot plan
  - Foundation Plan showing location of proposed work and indicating the number of stories of the structure
  - Foundation construction detail. (See attached standard details.)

Finished Basement With Concrete Floor Slab

Perimeter foundation permits may be approved "over the counter" for projects where new concrete floor slabs are installed but where the building is not raised and there are no exterior alterations proposed.

- The following plans are required:
  - Plot plan
  - Foundation Plan showing location of proposed work and indicating the number of stories of the structure
  - Cross section of the building showing existing and proposed ground to wood clearance, basement headroom and number of stories in the building
  - Basement floor plans showing existing and proposed use of every space including any area that is not intended as living space (laundry, workshop, storage). Any area not intended as living space must be designated as "non-habitable space" on the plans.
  - No heating or air conditioning can be permitted in any "non-habitable space."
  - Details of all proposed wall and ceiling finishes as well as any proposed electrical plumbing or mechanical fixtures.

**Note:** Private garages must be separated from the dwelling unit and its attic area by means of a minimum 1/2" gypsum board applied to the garage side. Garages beneath habitable rooms must be separated from rooms above by not less than 5/8" Type 'X' gypsum board. Doors openings between a private garage and the dwelling unit are required equipped with a self-closing, self-latching door that is either a solid wood or solid core or honeycomb core steel door not less than 1-3/8" thick, or a 20-minute rated door.

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STUD WALL
PRESUREMENT TREATED
SILL PLATE WITH 5/8’ Ø
Galvanized Anchor
Bolt With 7’ Embed
And 3’ x 3’ x 0.229” Plate
Washer @ 6”-0” Max

ASSUMPTIONS:
1. $f_c = 2,500$ PSI MIN
2. ALLOWABLE SOIL BEARING
   CAPACITY = 1,500 PSF
3. EQUIVALENT FLUID PRESSURE
   ON THE WALL IS LIMITED TO
   30 PSF
4. WALL SUPPORTS MAXIMUM OF
   (2) FLOORS AND A ROOF WITH
   A MAX TRIBUTARY WIDTH OF
   10’-0” FOR A MAX VERTICAL
   LOAD LIMITED OF 1,000 PLF
5. OWNER MUST PROVIDE
   DAMPPROOFING PER
   CBC SECTION 1807.2
6. OWNER MUST TAKE MEASURES
   TO REDUCE HYDROSTATIC
   PRESSURE BUILD UP PER
   CBC SECTION 1807.4
7. OWNER MUST CHECK THE
   ADEQUACY OF THIS MINIMUM
   STANDARD FOR EACH
   SPECIFIC PROJECT

WITH SLAB ON GRADE

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