

THE CITY OF EASTLAKE
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GUIDELINE FOR RAMPS

This guideline is being provided to you to assist you in your ramp project. It contains a basic ramp layout and current code references that are pertinent to ramp construction. There may be items contained within these guidelines that may or may not be applicable to your project.

There are not many resources for designing ramps. The current adopted Residential Code of Ohio and the current adopted ADAAG manual which contains the accessibility requirements for the Americans with Disability Act are about the only reference materials for designing ramps. They contain the code information along with pictorials showing the requirements for ramps. Ramps in general, are built similar to decks in construction. The main difference is there are sloped walking surfaces along with level surfaces contained in a ramp. I have provided attachments that show items used for deck building which can also be used for ramp construction. Please review these guidelines when designing your project. If your project is similar to the example provided, you may use the attached form and fill in the appropriate blanks and return the forms to the Building Department for plan review and to obtain a permit. If your ramp is not similar to the example provided, then provide a drawing of how it will be constructed. We will need 2 copies of a site plan showing the setback of the ramp from the property lines and 2 copies of your ramp plans.

Inspections are required, and a 24 hour notice would be appreciated.

A list of basic inspections include, but not limited to:

- Zoning (location)
- Footer
- Rough Framing (may be omitted and performed at the time of the final inspection if framing can be adequately seen from underneath).
- Grading (may be omitted and performed at the time of the final inspection if grading can be adequately seen from underneath).
- Final

We appreciate your effort in enhancing your home. By providing you with these guidelines, I feel that you will have a code compliant ramp to serve your needs.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you in any way, please feel free to contact the Building Department at 440-951-1416. The Building Department hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.