

B-PERMIT PLAN CHECK MANUAL

13. WHAT THE PRIVATE ENGINEER SHOULD KNOW

B-Permit plans are designed by Private Engineers, who have a California State Engineering Registration. Unfortunately, experience in the City of Los Angeles is the only and best teacher. Before submitting plans to the Bureau of Engineering, the Private Engineer should be familiar with the City's processing rules, Design Manuals and Standard Plans. The Design Manuals and Standard Plans are available on the internet at no cost.

Both the project owner and the Private Engineer worry about the cost of the B-Permit. This cost is based almost fully on the actual time the plan checker spends checking the plan. Therefore, the first plan submittal should be as complete and accurate as possible and every item of the accompanying Submittal Checklist should be included and complete. The more resubmittals followed by rechecks and returns, the more expensive the plan checking cost and the more time consuming the checking process. The Private Engineer should never ignore corrections on the returned plan sheets. If he/she does not agree with a correction, call the plan checker and resolve the issue. Never resubmit it unresolved or the same correction will appear again.

After the second plan check, the plan checker will call in the Private Engineer for meeting if there are still major unresolved items. If these are not corrected by the third check, the plan checker will call for a meeting with the project owner and the Private Engineer. This will help the owner to better understand what is "holding up" his/her project.

Remember the old saying, *haste makes waste*. A quality submittal will cost less in plan checking fee and take less time to approve to get the project to construction