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RETAINING WALLS

Retaining walls are used to retain or hold back earth material. Retaining walls less than four feet in height, including the 30-inch footing depth, do not require a building permit but must meet zoning requirements (see EMMC 17.60). A building permit is required for retaining walls taller than 4 feet. Retaining walls may not exceed 6 feet in height from finished grade to top of wall

Application Materials:

- Building permit application
- Site plan showing location of proposed retaining wall and distances from property lines (see EMMC 16.60)
- Detailed construction plans (see EMMC 16.60)
- Required engineered drawings (check with the Engineering Division at 801-789-6679)