



# COUNTY OF NEVADA BUILDING DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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**Plugging/Capping of Mineshafts**

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## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistent permitting requirements for the plugging/capping of mineshafts, vents, entrances, or similar hole in the ground.

## **2. Policy**

It is the policy of the Building Department to protect and assist the community during the construction and development of property in an effort to achieve an acceptable living environment for the citizens of the county. It is also our policy to ensure that property is developed and maintained in a safe manner, by promoting excellence in design and building standards. Through wisdom the Building Department is built, and by understanding it is established.

## **3. Definition**

- 3.1 **Structure-** is that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.
- 3.2 **Mine -** Mining is the extraction of valuable minerals or other geological materials from the earth, usually (but not always) from an ore body, vein, or (coal) seam.
- 3.3 **Engineer** – Any registered engineer who designs all or a part of the Building Structural System and/or who produces all or a part of the Building Structural System Design Documents.

## **4. Permit Required**

- 4.1 A permit shall be required for the plugging or capping of any mineshaft, vent, entrance, or similar hole in the ground.
- 4.2 A cap or a plug of a mineshaft, vent entrance, or similar hole in the ground shall be defined as a structure as defined in Section 3.1.

**5. Procedures**

- 5.1 A Permit Applicant shall submit a completed County of Nevada building permit application for processing.
- 5.2 The Permit Applicant shall submit two (2) wet signed and stamped engineered plans for the proposed work from a Licensed California Engineer.
- 5.3 The Permit Applicant shall submit a site plan per the County of Nevada site plan requirements indicating the location of the proposed work.
- 5.4 The proposed work shall be reviewed by the Plans Examiner and approved before permit issuance.
- 5.5 The Building Inspector shall inspect all work prior to the placement of concrete or other approved capping/plugging materials.
- 5.6 Before final inspection the Engineer of record shall provide the Building Inspector a letter stating the work performed is in compliance with the Approved Plans and Specifications.

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