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Summary of Architectural Services

The following are brief summaries of typical services offered by residential architects. They include a range of common home improvement projects, as well as listing which projects require an architect or structural engineer to design and stamp the drawings and/or submit for permits.

Architectural design services are typically recommended for the following:

1. Feasibility study PRIOR to purchase of prospective home / development property
2. Preliminary cost estimating for anticipated project(s)
3. Interior detailing
4. Exterior detailing (particularly important for homes in architecturally significant neighborhoods)
5. Color selection
6. Cabinet / casework design (kitchens / bathrooms / dens / media rooms / etc)
7. Deck additions and remodels (architect / structural engineer MAY be required depending on project)
8. Shed / outbuildings (architect / structural engineer MAY be required depending on project)
9. Homeowners' association (HOA), CC&R, or other design submittals required in addition to jurisdictional permits
10. Cabins / vacation homes (architect / structural engineer MAY be required depending on project)
11. Residential lot creation through subdivision / short plat, lot boundary adjustment, or similar process
12. Interior remodels which involve full-scale removal & replacement of electrical / mechanical / plumbing

Architectural design services are typically required for the following:

1. Additions within or near steep slopes, shorelines, or other environmentally critical areas **
2. Second / third story additions **
3. Basement excavations, home raising, or other foundation work **
4. Interior remodels which involve moving or modifying structural walls, floors, or ceilings. **
5. Garage additions **
6. Mother-in-law / Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) additions / conversions
7. Condominium remodels which involve moving or modifying structural walls, floors, or ceilings. **

** In addition to architectural services, structural engineering services are typically required for these types of projects. Your architect will coordinate the structural engineer as needed for your particular project.