CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS
RETAINING WALL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

RETAINING WALL WITH 18" MAX. RETAINED HEIGHT LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF A SLOPE

Building permit is not required.
Planning and Public Works Department approval may be required.
City retaining wall standard can be used.
See Figure 1.

RETAINING WALL WITH 3'-0" MAX. RETAINED HEIGHT AND 3'-0" MIN. OF LEVEL GRADE BEHIND WALL LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF A SLOPE

Building permit is not required.
Planning and Public Works Department approval may be required.
City retaining wall standard can be used.
See Figure 2 and 3.

RETAINING WALL REQUIRING PERMIT LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF A SLOPE

Building permit is required if retained height is greater than 3'-0" for level grade or 18" for sloping grade.
Planning, Public Works and Building Department approval is required.
City retaining wall standard can be used up to 4'-0" retained height.
Engineering calculations and details (wet stamped and signed) are required for retained height over 4'-0".
See Figure 4 and 5.

RETAINING WALL LOCATED ON A SLOPE

Building permit is required regardless of retained height. Planning, Public Works and Building Department approval is required.
Engineering calculations and details (wet stamped and signed) are required.
Letter from a licensed geotechnical engineer, stating that the design is "safe for its intended use", and indicating the required daylight setback, must be submitted to the Building Division prior to issuance of permit. Plans and details must be wet stamped and signed by the geotechnical engineer.
See Figure 6 and 7.