### **City Building Plans**

Before 1882 the inspection of all new buildings was performed by the City Surveyor under By Law No. 26 of 1863. No plans were required to be approved by Council prior to the construction work taking place.

Following the passage of the Building Act in 1881, Council was required to approve plans of building work in the City but did not have to keep a copy of them. The building plans were submitted to Council and then returned to the owner.

It was not until 1924 that a new Building Act mandated that Council had to keep copies of plans of building work in the City, including alterations and additions, submitted for approval.

**Please note that these documents are very large and may take some time to download.**

**Details of plans submitted to Council 1881 to 1925 are recorded in the following Plan Registers.**

* [Plan Book Return of Plans Submitted to Council and Local Board of Health 1882-1896] (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/plan-book-return-of-plans-1882-1896-building-act.pdf)
* [Plan book - Return of plans submitted to the Council Local Board of Health 1896 - 1903 [Building Act] (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/plan-book-return-of-plans-1896-1903-building-act.pdf)
* [Plan Register - plans submitted to the Local Board of Health 1903 - 1915 [Building Act] (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/plan-register-submitted-local-board-health-1903-15-building-act.pdf)
* [Plan Register - plans submitted to the Local Board of Health 1915 - 1925 [Building Act] (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/plan-register-submitted-local-board-health-1915-25-building-act.pdf)
* [Notice Book [Return of Surveyor to City Council of Notices Received under Sect. 51, Building Act 1881] (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/notice-book-return-surveyor-notices-received-sect51-building-act-1881.pdf" \t "_blank)
* [[Register of Notices Received - Building Act 1881. Return of Surveyor to City Council under Section 51 of Act.] (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/%5bRegister%20of%20Notices%20Received%20-%20Building%20Act%201881.%20Return%20of%20Surveyor%20to%20City%20Council%20under%20Section%2051%20of%20Act.%5d.PDF" \t "_blank)
* [Register of Notices Received - Building Act 1881 C.1910 - 1925 (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/register-of-notices-building-act-1881-return-of-surveyor-sect51.pdf)

Details of plans submitted from 1924 to 1956 can be found in the following Plan Registers.

* [Plan Register - Plans Submitted to the Building Surveyor 1924-36 (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/plan-register-submitted-building-surveyor-1.pdf)
* [Plan Register - Plans Submitted to the Building Surveyor 1936-56 (PDF)](https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/coa-bertha/PDFs/plan-register-submitted-building-surveyor-2.pdf)

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