

Finished Basements

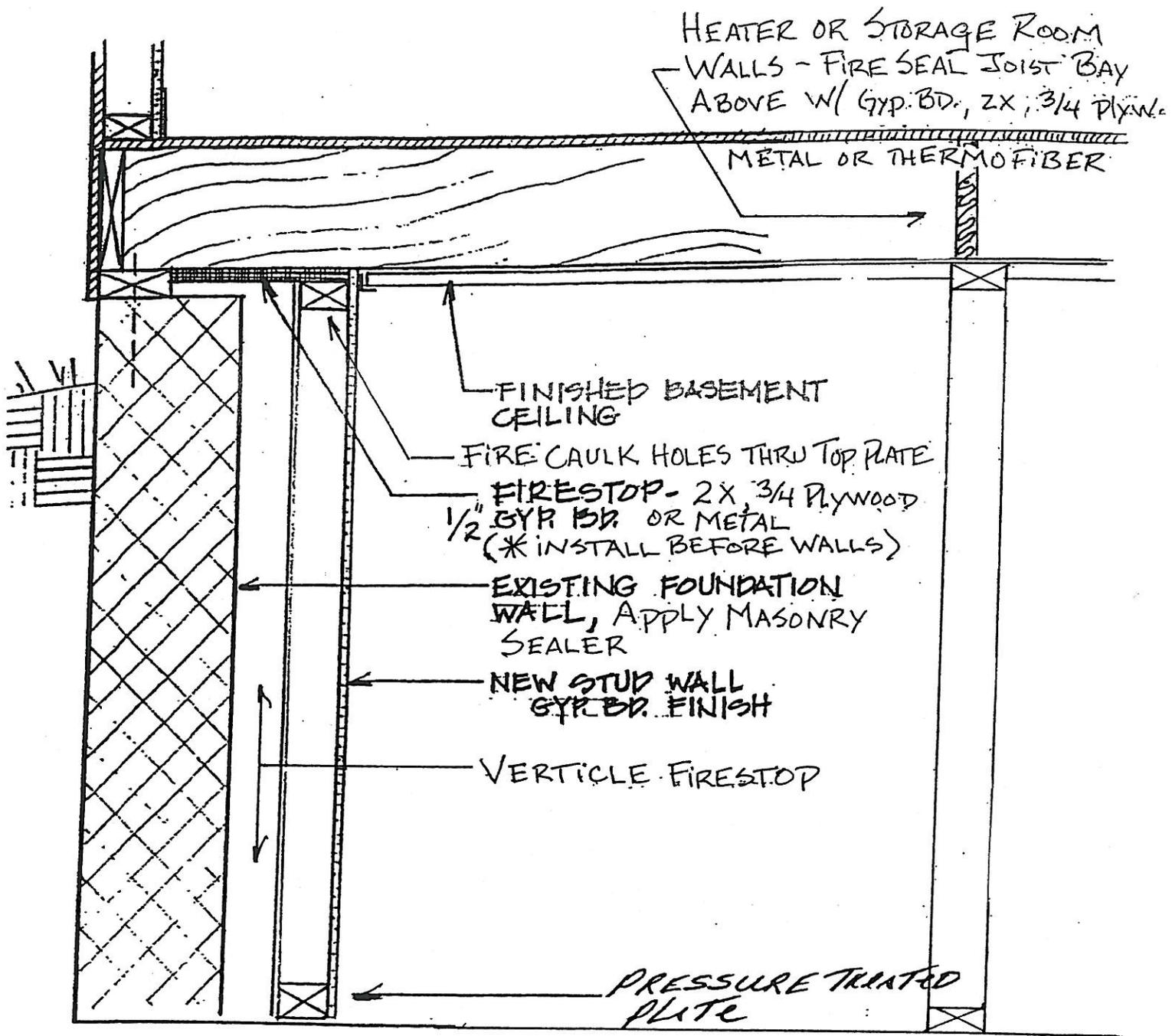
Second Means of Egress

A second means of egress is now required for all finished basements. Basements with only the interior stairs to the first floor will not be approved for finished basement permits. In order for a basement to be finished it must already have a second means of egress or have a proposed second means of egress as part of the plans submitted with the permit application.

The second egress can be a walk-out type door, a "Bilco" type door, an egress sized window with or without a well and ladder, depending on the grade. If a sleeping room is also proposed it must also have a second means of emergency egress of its own in addition to the second means of egress required for the basement itself.

More information can be obtained from the Building Inspector, or a local building supply company.

Keystone Municipal Services
Worcester Township Building Inspector



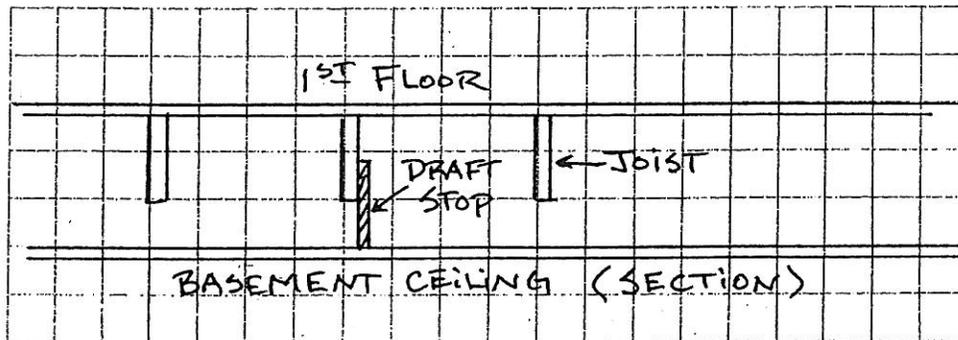
BASEMENT RENOVATION

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Detailed Finished Basement Requirements

1. All electrical work must be inspected by an approved Electrical Underwriting Inspector at rough wire and final wire phases. (Worcester Township does not inspect electrical work.)
2. Additional sprinkler head and smoke detector installations may be required and/or existing devices may have to be relocated. All such devices must be mounted at the new ceiling height.
3. Provide a louver door or two 12" x 16" air transfer grilles Hi and Lo in the heater room wall, unless the unit is a high efficiency, set up with outside air ducts.
4. Any under stair area that will be used for storage must be fully sheet rocked and taped. Any staircase adjacent to or sharing a common wall with a heater room must have the common wall sheet rocked on both sides.
5. Provide access panel to all: plumbing cleanouts, valves, sump pump. Electric services panel, HVAC duct dampers, etc.
6. Provide 1,000 sq. ft. draft stops in concealed ceiling areas/ Subdivide ceiling into minimum 1,000 sq. ft. area and extend the nearest joist to that line down to the suspended ceiling.



7. Provide vertical fire stops at 10' intervals and at all wall intersections, for the air space between the new exterior walls and the foundation wall.

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