

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Is the city required to use an architect or engineer on building or other construction projects?

The answer depends on the type and cost of the project. The general rule is that the assistance and supervision of a registered professional engineer or architect are required. Ark. Code Ann. § 22-9-101. However, this rule does not apply to:

- a) engineering projects that do not exceed \$25,000
- b) architectural projects that do not exceed \$100,000
- c) municipal projects planned and executed according to plans and specifications furnished by an authorized state agency.

These amounts apply to the fair market value of the capital improvement. Ark. Code Ann. 17-15-302, 17-15-307. The law sets forth criminal penalties and civil remedies for violations in Ark. Code Ann. 17-15-103 and 105.