



New Nevada City Courthouse Building and Site Requirements

Building Gross Square Feet: 83,782
Estimated Project Cost: \$107.933 Million
Number of Courtrooms: 6

Detailed Scope: The proposed project includes the design and construction of a new courthouse for the Superior Court of California, County of Nevada. The proposed building will include six courtrooms, criminal/civil/traffic/family law divisions, collaborative court, support space for court operations and administration, jury assembly and jury services, self-help, court security operations and holding, and building support space. Eight secure judicial parking spaces and a sally port will be located in the basement. Surface parking for 210 vehicles will be provided for staff, visitors, and jurors through a combination of spaces provided on-site and off-site, if necessary. A site of up to 3.87 acres will be acquired for the new courthouse and parking.

Building and Site Configuration Options

If 12 parking spaces are provided on-site for the disabled and short-term visitors and 198 parking spaces are provided off-site in nearby parking lots, the following configurations are possible:

Scope Description	Building Footprint Area (square feet)	Site Area (acres)	Maximum Building Height (feet)
Two stories with basement	34,005	1.40	41
Three stories with basement	25,760	1.11	57

If both the building and all surface parking are provided on a single lot, the following configurations are possible:

Scope Description	Building Footprint Area (square feet)	Site Area (acres)	Maximum Building Height (feet)
One story with basement *	N/A	N/A	25
Two stories with basement	34,005	3.87	41
Three stories with basement	25,760	3.58	57

* This configuration would never be built, as it would be very inefficient and costly (three in-custody elevators instead of one or two, expanded basement circulation to reach all courtroom holding locations above).

Courthouse Design Standards

The new courthouse will need to be designed in conformance with the *California Trial Court Facilities Standards* available at the following link: http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/documents/06_April_Facilities_Standards_with_Amendment1.pdf

The key standards that affect the size of the building and the required site include:

- A sally port for the secure transport of in-custody defendants;
- Central holding facilities;
- Courtroom holding facilities;
- Three separate circulation paths into the courtrooms for the general public, in-custody defendants, and judges;
- A single public entrance with screening equipment including magnetometer and package weapons scanner;
- Structural bay width of 32 to 36 feet at courtrooms;
- Floor-to-floor height of 14 to 16 feet;
- Ceiling height of 12 feet in courtrooms;
- Twenty-foot setbacks from vehicular roadways to courthouse buildings;
- Twenty-five foot setbacks from on-site surface parking to courthouse buildings;
- Separate jury assembly and deliberation rooms;
- Adequate queuing areas at all public counters.