

# AI Code Review Checklist

This is a tick-through bar you run on a diff an assistant produced, after the code exists and before you keep, stage, or merge it. It is the review gate, separate from the brief that scoped the work and the tests that verify it. You work down the list once per change, and the output is a clear keep, fix, or split decision you are willing to put your name on.

## Read the change

- I wrote the behavior I asked for in one line, so any change that does not serve it is suspect.
- I scrolled every hunk of the actual diff, not the chat summary of it.
- I can name what each changed file is doing and why it is in this diff.

## Verify the substance

- Every new import resolves to a real package on the registry, and it is the library I meant, not a similar name.
- For each change I can state what it assumes about inputs, state, and failure.
- I checked the empty result, the null, the last page, and the duplicate request, not only the happy path.
- Nothing was changed, renamed, or added beyond the request, or the extra change is justified.
- No abstraction, flag, or layer was introduced that the task did not need.
- Untrusted input is handled safely, no secrets are hard-coded, and authorization is still enforced on the new path.

## Run and decide

- The build passes and the existing tests pass.
- I ran the edge cases the happy path skipped.
- The change is small enough for a human to read, or I split it into reviewable steps.
- A second AI pass, if any, was treated as a checklist of mechanics, not an approval.
- The decision is recorded as keep, fix, or split, with the assistant, the prompt, and what I verified named in the description.