

What Type Of Work Requires A Building Permit

Plumbing:

Permits and inspections are required when:

- Replacing a water heater.
- Installing new water distribution lines or sanitary drain lines for additions, remodeling, and new construction.
- Replacing a water service line.
- Replacing a sanitary sewer line.
- Installing a whirlpool, hydro massage tub, and hot tub.
- Installing a shower with a steamer unit.
- Installing new gas lines.

Permits are not required when:

- Repairing or replacing the following plumbing fixtures: sinks, toilets, bathtubs, showers. (Note: Same size and location)
- Repairing water distribution lines or sanitary drain lines within a dwelling.

Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning:

Permits and inspections are required when:

- Replacing an air conditioning unit.
- Replacing a furnace.
- Replacing a heat pump.
- Installing supply or return air ductwork for additions, remodeling and new construction.
- Construction of a prefab fireplace. (See structural)
- Installation of a vented or ventless gas heating unit.

Permits are not required when:

- Replacing floor registers.
- Repairing supply air or return air ductwork.
- Repairing a furnace.

Electrical:

Permits and inspections are required when:

- Replacing the electrical service panel.
- Installing new wiring and boxes for two or more outlets or light fixtures.
- Installing underground or overhead wiring.
- Installing wiring and equipment for baseboard heat.
- Installing wiring and boxes for window air conditioners.
- Installing wiring and equipment for clothes dryer.
- Installing wiring for a through wall heating and air conditioning unit.
- Installing wiring and equipment for a range.
- Installing wiring and equipment for a whirlpool or hydro massage tub.
- Installing wiring and equipment for a hot tub.
- Installing wiring and equipment for a swimming pool.
- Installing wiring and equipment for new construction.
- Installing ceiling fans. Note: ceiling fans shall be mounted on boxes designed for ceiling fans.

Permits are not required when:

- Replacing outlets, switches, or cover plates.
- Replacing breakers.
- Replacing old light fixtures with new fixtures of the same weight.
- Replacing old ceiling fans with new fans where the existing mounting boxes were designed for the weight of a ceiling fan.
- Replacing heating elements in a water heater.

Structural:

Permits and inspections are required when:

- Construction of an accessory structure (shed) exceeding 200 square foot.
- Construction of a carport.
- Enclosing a carport or converting carport into a garage or habitable space.
- Construction of a garage.
- Construction of an addition.
- Construction of a screen porch.

- Construction of a deck attached to house, over 200 square feet, or having a height of 30 inches aboveground.
- Construction of a gazebo.
- Construction of a swimming pool. Note: includes in-ground and aboveground, with a water depth over 24 inches.
- Remodeling the interior of a structure.
- Replacing windows with a larger size.
- Replacing structural walls, rafters, floor joists, trusses, stairways, headers, beams, or columns.
- Replacing foundation walls.
- Construction of a fireplace, prefab or masonry.
- Replacing sidewalks, driveway or approach within the City Right Of Way.
- Installing or replacing a fire escape.
- Any type of exterior work within the City Uptown District.
- Replacing front porch.

Nonstructural:

Permits are not required when:

- Replacing roof shingles.
- Repairing or replacing roof sheathing.
- Replacing windows of the same size.
- Replacing siding.
- Repairing a fireplace; providing only minor repairs are needed.
- Painting.
- Installing or replacing gutters and down spouts.
- Installing landscaping outside the City Right Of Way.
- Construction of children’s playground equipment.
- Repairing decking boards on a porch or deck.
- Replacing doors of the same size.
- Installing or replacing existing driveway or sidewalks outside the City Right Of Way. Note: this does not include expanding driveway width toward property line.

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