



NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: (Building Safety Code, Administrative Code)

A Permit shall not be required for the types of work in each of the separate classes of permit as listed below. Exemption from permit requirements shall not be considered authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Specialty Codes or any statute, regulation or ordinance of the City or State.

(1) BUILDING PERMITS - A permit **will not** be required for the following:

- A. One-story non-habitable detached accessory buildings not over 120 square feet or a height of 10 feet measured to the highest point used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, or similar uses. (May be up to 200 square feet on one and two family residential properties). Check with planning regarding setback requirements.
- B. Oil derricks.
- C. Moveable cases, counters and partitions not over five feet high and non-bearing partitions in one and two family residences that do not create a room.
- D. Except for barriers around swimming pools as required in Appendix G of the One and Two Family Dwelling Code, fences not over 6 feet in height.
- E. Retaining walls which are not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding flammable liquids.
- F. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed two to one.
- G. Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below.
- H. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting and floor covering, residential cabinets and counter tops, and similar finish work.
- I. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- J. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R, Division 3, and Group U Occupancies when projecting not more than 54 inches and not over 120 square feet in area.
- K. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed 5000 gallons. Pre-fabricated residential pools that are less than 24" deep.
- L. Insulation which is blown or injected into closed wall cavities of existing residences.

- M. Patio covers not exceeding 120 square feet when accessory to one and two family residential structures.
- N. Replacement or repair of siding not required to be fire resistant, with like material.
- O. Replacement or repair of roofing, the weight of which does not exceed 30% of the required live load design capacity and is not required to be fire resistant.
- P. Plastic glazed storm windows.
- Q. Other work not affecting the structural integrity or fire safety of buildings or structures.
- R. Frame covered accessory buildings not more than 500 square feet in area, one story in height and not closer than 3 feet to property lines, when installed on one and two family residential properties, where the structure is composed of a rigid framework to support a fabric membrane that provides a weather barrier.

Notwithstanding the foregoing exemptions from building permits, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required where applicable.

(2) PLUMBING PERMITS – A plumbing permit **will not** be required for the following:

- A. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided however, that should any concealed trap, drainpipe, soil, waste or vent pipe become defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, the same shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspection made as provided in this Code.
- B. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

(3) ELECTRICAL PERMITS – An electrical permit **will not** be required for the following:

- A. Portable motors or other portable appliances energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Specialty Code.
- B. Repair or replacement of fixed motors, transformers or fixed approved appliances of the same type and rating in the same location.
- C. Temporary decorative lighting.
- D. Repair or replacement of current-carrying parts of any switch, contactor, or control device.
- E. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets therefore.
- F. Repair or replacement of any over-current device of the required capacity in the same location.
- G. Repair or replacement of electrodes or transformers of the same size and capacity for signs or gas tube systems.
- H. Taping joints.

- I. Removal of electrical wiring.
- J. Temporary wiring for experimental purposes.
- K. The wiring for temporary theater, motion picture or television stage sets.
- L. A permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment or the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy or in the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence by a public or private utility in the exercise of its function as a serving utility.

(4) **MECHANICAL PERMITS** – A mechanical permit **will not** be required for any of the following:

- A. Any portable heating appliance.
- B. Any portable ventilating equipment.
- C. Any portable cooling unit.
- D. Any portable evaporative cooler.
- E. Replacement of any component part or assembly of an appliance or equipment which does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of the Specialty Codes.
- F. Any self-contained refrigeration system, as defined in the Mechanical Specialty Code and Fire and Life Safety Code, containing less than 10 pounds of refrigerant, or that is actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.