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## DO I NEED A PERMIT?

While permits are not always needed for work, any contractors must have a current business license from the city to do work on any type of structure in the city.

The following is a listing of work that **does not** require a permit:

- Painting
- Wallpapering
- Tiling
- Flooring & Carpeting
- Retaining Walls not over four feet in height and not providing structural Support (**Planning/Zoning approval needed**)
- Installing Cabinets and (or) Counter-tops, plumbing fixtures, or appliances
- Swimming Pools less than forty-eight (48) inches deep, not exceeding 3,500-gallon capacity, is entirely above ground and not permanently attached to mechanical services (**Planning/Zoning approval needed**)
- Qualified accessory structure (<200 ft<sup>2</sup>, see Residential Accessory Structures Policy) not attached to the dwelling unit (**Planning/Zoning approval needed**)
- Home improvements that are defined as replacing rotten wood, or any project necessary in the general upkeep and maintenance of a single-family dwelling.

The following is a partial listing of work that **does** require a permit:

- *Roofing* – Installing new Shingles or other roofing materials
- *Windows* – Replacing Windows (see window replacement policy)
- *Siding* - Vinyl, Wood, or Aluminum Siding or Trim Boards
- *Sheetrock* – Replacing or installing drywall/gypsum board **to remodel or finish a room**
- *Framing* – Adding new interior walls or extending an existing wall, creating a new door or opening in an existing wall
- *Plumbing* – Replacing a sewer line or water line, adding plumbing to a room that did not previously have it, replacing water heater, installing an irrigation system
- *Electrical* – Installing and (or) replacing wiring, adding outlets, lights, and (or) breakers
- *Mechanical* – Installing/Replacing heating and air units or equipment, installing ductwork
- *Gas* (propane or LP gas) – Installing or replacing gas lines
- *Any Structural Work* (including adding, relocating, or removing interior load bearing walls or windows)
- *Swimming Pools* (including Above Grounds) – Swimming Pools more than forty-eight (48) inches deep, that exceeds 3,500-gallon capacity or is permanently attached to mechanical services
- *Storage Buildings, Garages, Carports, and Decks* over 200 ft<sup>2</sup>
- *Fences over 6 ft. in height, any type*

**For questions or assistance, call the Inspection Bureau at 843.553.8350 ex. 1407**