

What Type of Work Requires A Building Permit

Disclaimer: This list may not be exhaustive and individuals are encouraged to contact the City Planning & Development Department at 614-901-6650, option 4, to confirm.

Plumbing permits are required if:

- Replacing a water heater.
- Installing new water distribution lines, or sanitary drain, waste, and vent lines for additions, interior alterations, and new dwellings.
- Replacing a water service line from the curb box to the residence.
- Replacing a sanitary sewer line from the street to the residence.
- Installing a whirlpool or hydromassage tub.
- Installing a shower with a steamer unit.
- Replacing interior drain, waste, and vent lines.

Plumbing permits are not required if:

- Repairing or replacing existing plumbing fixtures: sinks, toilets, bathtubs, showers with the same size and in the same location.
- Repairing water distribution lines or sanitary drain lines within an existing dwelling.

Heating ventilation and air conditioning (hvac) permits are required if:

- Replacing an air conditioning unit or heat pump.
- Replacing a furnace.
- Installing supply or return air ductwork for additions, basement finishes, interior alterations, and new dwellings.
- Installation of a prefab fireplace.
- Installation of a vented or ventless gas heating unit, or gas log lighter.
- Installing new gas lines inside or outside the residence for new appliances.

Hvac permits are not required if:

- Replacing floor registers.
- Repairing supply air or return air ductwork.
- Repairing a furnace, air-conditioning unit, air handler, or heat pump.

Electrical permits are required if:

- Replacing the electrical service panel.
- New wiring and boxes for two or more outlets or light fixtures.
- New underground or overhead wiring.
- New wiring and equipment for baseboard heat.
- New wiring and boxes for window air conditioners.
- New wiring and equipment for a clothes dryer.
- New wiring for a through wall heating and air conditioning unit (mini split system).
- New wiring and equipment for an electric range.
- New wiring and equipment for a whirlpool or hydro massage tub.
- New wiring and equipment for a hot tub.
- New wiring and equipment for a swimming pool.
- Installing new ceiling fans and boxes at old light fixture locations.
- Installing a standby generator.
- Installing solar panels.
- Installing an electric vehicle charging system.
- Installing a fish pond and pump or fountain.

Electrical permits are not required if:

- Replacing outlets, switches, or cover plates.
- Replacing service panel breakers.
- Replacing old light fixtures with new light 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 35 lbs plus.
- Replacing heating elements in a water heater.

Exterior repair permits are not required if:

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

Building permits are required if:

- Installing a basement emergency escape and rescue window and area well.
- Finishing a basement.
- Construction of an accessory structure (shed) exceeding 200 square feet.
- Construction of a carport.
- Enclosing a carport or converting a carport into a garage or habitable space.
- Construction of a garage.
- Construction of an addition.
- Construction of a screen porch.
- Construction of a deck over 200 square feet or attached to the house, or having a height of 30 inches above finished grade.
- Construction of a gazebo or a roof structure over 200 square feet.
- Construction of a swimming pool. Note: includes in-ground and aboveground, with a water depth over 24 inches.
- Remodeling the interior of a structure (kitchen, bathrooms, laundry, basement etc.).
- Replacing windows with a larger size.
- Replacing structural walls, rafters, floor joists, trusses, stairways, headers, beams, or columns.
- Replacing foundation walls.
- Construction of a retaining wall with a height of four feet or more.
- Construction of a fireplace, prefab or masonry, or installation of a free standing wood burner.
- Replacing sidewalks, or a driveway approach within the City Right Of Way.
- Installing or replacing a fire escape.
- Any type of exterior work within the City Uptown District.
- Replacing a front porch, rear porch, or installing a roof over a porch/patio.

Zoning certificates are required for:

- Installing a patio, fence, shed, satellite dish, or driveway extension.
- Utilizing a POD or dumpster, placed in a driveway.
- POD/dumpster placed on a roadway requires a Right of Way permit through the Engineering department.
- Any type of work within the City Uptown District.

Have Questions or Need Help:

- Building Department: 614.901.6650, option 4.
- Engineering Department: 614.901.6650, option 1.
- Zoning Department: 614.901.6650, option 3.

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