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Permits Required

A building permit is required for most construction or repair activities regulated by the California Building Code. Exceptions are listed below. In such cases, the work is still subject to the requirements of other applicable city, county and state ordinances. **Before you start your project**, call the Building Division at 916-351-3555 to determine what all may be required.

Building Permits - A building permit is not required for the following:

- 1. One–story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet. (Height and location restrictions still apply!)
- 2. Fences not over 6' high.
- 3. Oil derricks.
- 4. Retaining walls which are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding flammable liquids. (See the Folsom Retaining Wall brochure.)
- 5. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed two to one.
- 6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below.
- 7. Painting, papering and similar finish work.
- 8. Temporary motion picture, television and theatre stage sets and scenery.
- 9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
- 10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including services systems.
- 11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one-and two-family dwellings.
- 12. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall or Group R, Division 3, and Group M Occupancies when projecting not more than 54 inches.
- 13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, racks, cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches high. (A floor plan may still be required for review!)

Unless otherwise exempted by this code, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items.