

What is A Building Permit?

A building permit is an official document issued by the Building Division, authorizing performance of a specified activity. The building permit is issued after an owner or owner's representative submits a building permit application and/or plans and specifications to the Building Division for plan check, where applicable. The Building Division's Plan check is to ensure compliance with the minimum standards as set forth in the California Codes and the City of Roseville Ordinances. These minimum standards are provided to safeguard life or limb, health, property and public welfare. This protection is accomplished by regulating the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures within the City of Roseville.

When is a Building Permit Required?

A Building Permit is required for the following types of projects:

- Addition of skylights
- Additions
- Bay Windows
- Demolitions
- Electrical upgrades, relocations, new wiring or receptacles
- Fireplace and wood stove inserts and free-standing fireplaces
- Mechanical – water heaters, furnace's, air-conditioners, heat pumps
- New Construction
- New sewer, water or gas lines
- Patio covers, decks and gazebos attached to the building or over 120 square feet
- Permanent pools, spas and hot tubs
- Permanent, affixed or free-standing signs
- Reconstruction of older homes
- Renovations
- Reroofs, roof framing and siding
- Retaining walls over four feet in height
- Sheds over 120 square feet
- Solar units
- Temporary power
- Termite repair or fire damage repair
- Whole house exhaust fans

A Building Permit is not required for the following:

- Prefabricated swimming pools holding not more than 5000 gallons, less than 24" deep, and installed entirely above ground.
- Fences that do not exceed seven feet in height.
- Minor home repairs such as replacing a faucet, dishwasher, garbage disposal or toilet.
- One story storage building with 120 square feet or less of roof area and no electricity, plumbing or mechanical.
- Painting, papering and similar finish work.
- Retaining walls not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing, or supporting surcharge.

Even though the above items do not require building permits, there may be other requirements that must be adhered to as set forth in the Roseville Municipal Code.

The aforementioned summary covers some of the more common requirements and the submittal regulations when a building permit is needed. Permits may be required for items not listed depending on site or project specific conditions. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Building Department at (916)774-5332.