

Sec. 9-183. - Work exempt from permits.

Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Residential trade permits shall not be required for the following:

Building:

- (1) Floor covering,
- (2) Interior and exterior trim carpentry,
- (3) Dry wall,
- (4) Painting/wallpaper
- (5) Counter tops,
- (6) Tiling,
- (7) Cabinets,
- (8) Gutters,
- (9) Signs,
- (10) Irrigation,
- (11) Landscaping,
- (12) Siding,
- (13) Stucco
- (14) Low voltage systems not associated with life safety applications,
- (15) One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m²);
- (16) Fences not in excess of seven feet high;
- (17) Oil derricks;
- (18) Retaining walls which are not over four feet (1,219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids;

- (19) Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed two to one;
- (20) Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade and not over any basement or story below and which are not part of an accessible route;
- (21) Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery;
- (22) Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy, as applicable in section 101.2, which are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and are installed entirely above ground;
- (23) Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes and not including service systems;
- (24) Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings;
- (25) Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3, as applicable in section 101.2, and Group U occupancies;
- (26) Movable cases, counters and partitions not over five feet nine inches (1,753 mm) in height; or

Electrical:

- (1) Minor repairs not requiring an inspection.
- (2) Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of this code shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions but do apply to equipment and wiring for power supply, the installations of towers and antennas.
- (3) Temporary testing systems: A permit shall not be required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.
- (4) Gas: Portable heating appliances, replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- (5) Mechanical: Portable heating appliance, portable ventilation equipment, portable cooling unit, steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code or the replacement of any part which does not alter its approval or make it unsafe, portable evaporative cooler, self-contained refrigeration system containing ten pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of one horsepower (746 W) or less.
- (6) Plumbing: The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a

permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

Energy: The following need not comply provided the energy use of the building is not increased:

- (1) Storm windows installed over existing fenestration; or
- (2) Glass only replacements in an existing sash and frame.

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