ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT

A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- Retrofitted insulation.
- Concrete slabs.
- Driveways and sidewalks.
- Masonry repair.
- Porches and decks, where the floor or deck is not more than 30 inches above grade and where the edge of the porch, deck or floor does not come closer than 3 feet to property lines.
- Patio covers, not over 120 square feet in area.
- Painting.
- Interior wall, floor or ceiling covering.
- Nonbearing partitions, except when such partitions create habitable rooms.
- Shelving and cabinet work.
- Gutters and downspouts.
- Nonhabitable small accessory buildings not over 200 square feet or a height of 10 feet (measured to the highest point).
- Door and window replacements (where no structural member is changed).
- Replacement or repair of siding not required to be fire RESISTANT.
- Reroofing, except in wildfire hazard zones as provided in section 325 or where replacement or repair of roofing does not exceed 30 percent of the required live load design capacity and is not required to be fire resistant.
- Plastic glazed storm windows.
- Fences not over 6 feet high, except for barriers around swimming pools as required IN APPENDIX D,
- Retaining wall 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 (ors 455.310).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I NEED TO GET A PERMIT?

- The address and legal description of the property.
- A description of the work proposed.
- The owner's name, address, and phone number.
- If a contractor is doing the work, the contractor's name, address, phone number, and state license number.
- Two sets of plans that clearly show all work on the building and where the building sits on the property. Typical plans include a site plan, floor plans, and cross sections showing construction details.

For additional questions, please contact Harney County Building Program at 541-573-8174.

ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT

WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING (STRUCTURAL) PERMIT?

A permit **is required** to construct, enlarge, alter, move or demolish any one- or two-family dwelling or related structure. The following are a few examples of projects that require a permit.: (**PLEASE NOTE: This is not an all inclusive listing of possible projects, there are many other projects that would require permits.)**

- Add a room.
- Build, demolish, or move a carport, garage, or shed of more than 200 square feet.
- Finish an attic, garage, or basement to make additional living space.
- Cut a new window or door opening, or widen existing openings.
- Move, remove, or add walls.
- Apply roofing when all of the old roofing is removed and new sheathing is installed.
- Build a stairway.
- Build a retaining wall more than four feet high.
- Building a deck more than 30 inches above grade.
- Put up a fence more than 6 feet high.
- Move more than 50 cubic yards of earth or any amount of cut or fill on sites affected by waterways or slope hazards.

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR ELECTRICAL WORK?

A permit **is required** to do the following:

- Install or alter any permanent wiring or electrical device.
- Run additional wiring, put in an electrical outlet or light fixture, install a receptacle for a garage-door opener, or convert from fuse box to circuit breakers.
- Install or alter low-voltage systems such as security alarms or stereo or computer systems.

For homeowners, a permit **is not required** to replace electrical devices or to perform the maintenance on an existing electrical installation.

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR MECHANICAL WORK?

A permit **is required** to do the following:

- Install or change any part of a heating or cooling system that must be vented into any kind of chimney, including unvented decorative appliances.
- Install a woodstove, fireplace insert, pellet stove, or related venting.
- Install, alter, or repair gas piping between the meter and an appliance (indoors or outdoors).
- Install bath fans, dryer exhausts, kitchen range exhausts, and appliances that are required to be vented.

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR PLUMBING WORK?

A plumbing permit **is required** to do the following:

- Replace water heaters; alter piping inside a wall or ceiling, or beneath a floor, and for plumbing in all new installations.
- Emergency repair, alteration, or replacement of freeze-damaged or leaking concealed piping, if new piping exceeds 3 feet.
- Remodel or add on to your one- or two-family dwelling when existing plumbing is to be relocated. This includes installation of building sewers, water service, and exterior rain drains.

A plumbing permit **is not required** in the following circumstances:

- When a property owner does "ordinary minor repairs" to plumbing systems on his or her own property, which means repair, replacement, or maintenance of existing accessible fixtures, parts, and appliances and their related water and drain attachments. Do not alter an existing plumbing system without a permit.
- When a property owner or licensed plumber performs emergency repairs to, or replacement of, freeze-damaged or leaking concealed piping, provided new piping doesn't exceed 3 feet in length.

Building Permits for Residential Homes

Activities that require and those that do not require a building permit.

Taken from the CABO for One and Two Family Dwelling Code, 1995, Section 111 and the Oregon Building Codes website (www.cbx.state.or.us)

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