



CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

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Construction Work You Can Do Without A Permit

Note: Exemption from the permit requirements of these Codes shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Codes or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

Any structure, including structures which do not require a building permit, must conform to applicable Zoning Code requirements, including setbacks from property lines. Please call the Planning Department for more information: (916) 727-4740.

California Building Code – Section 106.2

Work Exempt from Permit. A building permit shall not be 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 sq. ft (11.15 m²).
2. Fences not over 6 ft. (1829 mm) high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 ft 9in. (1753 mm) high.
5. Retaining walls which are not over 4 ft (1219 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.
6. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
7. Platforms, walks and driveways not more the 30 in. (762 mm) above grade and not over any basement or story below.
8. Painting, papering and similar finish work.
9. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
10. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R, Division 3, and Group U Occupancies when projecting not more than 54 inches (1372 mm).
11. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to Group R, Division 3 Occupancy in which pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L).

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

California Mechanical Code – Section 112.2

Exempt Work. A mechanical permit shall not be required for the following:

1. A portable heating appliance, portable ventilating equipment, portable cooling unit or portable evaporative cooler.
2. A closed system of steam, hot or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
3. Replacement of any component part or assemble of an appliance which does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of this code.
4. Refrigerating equipment which is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of this code.
5. A unit refrigerating system.

National Electrical Code – Section 301

Not Covered. This code does not cover:

1. Installations in ships, watercraft other than floating buildings, railways rolling stock, aircraft or automotive vehicles other than mobile homes and recreational vehicles. (Requirements for floating buildings are found in Article 553.)
2. Installations underground in mines and self-propelled mobile surface mining machinery and its attendant electrical trailing cable.
3. Installations of railways for generation, transformation, transmission, or distribution of power used exclusively for operation of rolling stock or installations used exclusively for signaling and communications purposes.
4. Installations of communications equipment under the exclusive control of communications utilities located outdoors or in building spaces used exclusively for such installations.
5. Installations, including associated lighting, under the exclusive control of electric utilities for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy. Such installations shall be located in buildings used exclusively by utilities for such purposes; outdoors on property owned or leased by the utility; on or along public highways, streets, roads, etc.; or outdoors on private property by established rights such as easements.

This section was changed in the 1996 Code to clarify that, unless there are legal rights otherwise, commercial parking lot lighting is covered by the NEC.

California Plumbing Code – Section 103.1.2

Exempt Work. A permit will not be required for the following:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that should any concealed trap, drainpipe, soil, waste or vent pipe become defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, the same shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspection made as provided in this Code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, nor for the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valve, pipes, or fixtures.