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There are numerous things you can do to your house that do not require permits. If you have any doubt whether or not one is required, please contact the Building Department for clarification. The following are examples of projects that do not require permits:

(A) Buildings

- Non-habitable one-story detached accessory structures (storage structures, playhouses, etc.) provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
- Fences not over six feet high, unless required for barriers around swimming pools (a swimming pool barrier is required for any swimming pool, hot tub, spa or similar structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or immersion that contains water over 24 inches in depth);
- Retaining walls that are not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall unless supporting a surcharge;
- Water tanks supported directly upon the ground if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons, and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1;
- Private concrete sidewalks, slabs, and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below;
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, interior wall, floor or ceiling covering, and similar finish work;
- Prefabricated swimming pools where the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade. Barrier requirements are not exempt;
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one- or two-family dwelling;

- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support;
- Nonbearing partitions (walls) except when such partitions create habitable rooms (habitable rooms are those used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking);
- Replacement or repair of siding not required to be fire resistant; Retrofitted insulation; Masonry repair;
- Porches and decks where the floor or deck is not more than 30 inches above the adjacent grade at any point and where in the case of a covered porch, the covered portion of the porch does not come closer than three feet to property lines;
- Gutters and downspouts;
- Door and window replacements (where no structural member is changed);
- Reroofing unless decking material is to be replaced.

(B) Electrical

- To remove and replace broken or damaged electrical outlets (like for like only). However, permits are required to install, upgrade or change outlets for decorative purposes. If a GFCI protected outlet is required by code, a permit is required.
- To remove and replace broken or damaged light fixtures (like for like) However, permits are required to install, upgrade or change outlets for decorative purposes.
- To remove and replace broken or damaged light switches (like for like) However, permits are required to install, upgrade or change outlets for decorative purposes.
- To replace approved fuses .
- To replace defective breakers (like for like only)
- To replace light bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- To replace an existing garbage disposal. Dishwasher, electric tank water heater, or similar appliance of 30 amps or less .
- To install low voltage wiring for garage door openers .
- To install phone outlets (however, wire must be listed type wire)
- To install CATV (Community Access TV, however must be listed type wire)
- To replace an existing door bell.

(C) Plumbing

- Repair/replace a sink
- Repair/replace a toilet
- Repair/replace a faucet (if not concealed in a wall)
- Resurfacing/replacing countertops
- Resurfacing
- Repair/replace Shower walls
- Repair/replace Shower heads
- Rain Gutters and Downspouts
- Add to or alter an irrigation system with an approved back flow device
- Re-grouting tile
- Install a water filter
- Replace a hose bib
- Install a fountain or other water feature that is filled by a hose

(D) Mechanical (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning)

- Portable heating appliances, cooking or clothes drying appliances;
- Portable ventilation appliances;
- Portable cooling units;
- Steam, hot, or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by the code;
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe;
- Portable evaporative coolers; portable appliances, such as freezers, washing machines, refrigerators, portable barbecue grills, etc.
- Change out furnace filters

