



City of Albany-Dougherty County Development Services Commercial Work Exempt from Permits

| When are Permits Required – Section 105.2 - IBC | |
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| Commercial Buildings - Work exempt from permit - Building | |
| 1. | One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 32 square feet (18.58 m ²). |
| 2. | Fences not over 8 feet (2134 mm) high. |
| 3. | Oil derricks. |
| 4. | Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (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 IIIA liquids. |
| 5. | Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1. |
| 6. | Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route. |
| 7. | Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work. |
| 8. | Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery. |
| 9. | Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and are installed entirely above ground. |
| 10. | Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems. |
| 11. | Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings. |
| 12. | Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support. |
| 13. | Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height. |
| Commercial Buildings - Work exempt from permit - Electrical | |
| 1. | Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles. |
| 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 a power supply and 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. |
| Commercial Buildings - Work exempt from permit - Gas | |
| 1. | Portable heating appliances. |
| 2. | Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe. |
| Commercial Buildings - Work exempt from permit - Mechanical | |
| 1. | Portable heating appliances. |
| 2. | Portable ventilation appliances. |
| 3. | Portable cooling units. |
| 4. | Steam, hot- or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code. |
| 5. | Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe. |
| 6. | Portable evaporative coolers. |
| 7. | Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less. |
| Plumbing Buildings - Work exempt from permit - Plumbing | |
| 1. | <p>The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, 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.</p> <p>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.</p> |

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