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Work Exempt from Permits

Below is a list of items that are exempt from permits according to the California Building Code. For all projects except those listed below, a permit is likely required. Please contact the Planning and Building Department at 559-675-7817 if you have a question about your specific project.

Building (2010 California Building Code Section 105.2 Work Exempt from Permits)

1. One story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet. Planning Department approval required for location. Please contact the Planning Department at 559-675-7821.
2. Fences not over 6 feet high. Please contact Planning Department for location approval.
3. Oil derricks
4. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet 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. Please contact Planning Department for location approval.
5. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ration of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1. Please contact Planning Department and Fire Prevention (559-661-5190) for location approval.
6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route. Also, not within the public right away.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops (that do not have a sink) and similar finish work. Please contact the Building Department if any of this work is being completed in a kitchen or bathroom.
8. Temporary motion picture, television, and theatre stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to Group R-3 occupancy (single family residence) that are less than 24 inches deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons and are install 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 supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3 (single family residence), and Group U Occupancies (garage, sheds, fences.).
13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counter and partitions, not over 5 feet 9 inches in height. (Accessible features and path of travel may be affected for commercial facilities)

Unless otherwise exempted, if the above include plumbing and or, electrical and or mechanical permits will be required.

