

Building Permit Required



Community Development Department

No building or structure intended to be constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, improved, removed, converted, demolished, change of occupancy, or the installation, alteration, conversion or replacement of any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system which is regulated by the code shall be performed without first obtaining a permit from the City. California Building Code Section 105

EXAMPLES OF WORK THAT REQUIRES A PERMIT:

1. Installation of windows or doors when framing is altered and/or stucco or siding disturbed.
2. Decks, stairs, and platforms higher than 30" above grade.
3. Remodeling of interior or exterior features when framing, electrical, plumbing, mechanical systems are repaired, altered, or installed.
4. Roofing, stucco, and siding in excess of 100 square feet when framing, plywood, or whenever the water-resistant barrier is exposed or disturbed.
5. Change of use or occupancy, residential, commercial, garage into ADU, den into a bedroom, or a closet into a laundry or bathroom.
6. Grading, excavating and repaving.
7. Any fence or retaining wall.
8. Installation, replacement, alteration of any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical symptoms.
9. Like for like change out and remodeling of kitchen and/or bathrooms when cabinets or countertops are being replaced, and electrical and plumbing is replaced, repaired, altered, or modified. Current codes apply.
10. Sheds greater than 120 square feet and higher than 7 feet, and closer than 3 feet to a building or property line.

WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMIT:

1. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches high and not blocking accessibility or exits.
2. Painting, papering, and floor coverings.
3. Non-structural concrete flatwork such as walkways and driveways.
4. Portable structures or equipment installed for less than 180 days.

WORK EXEMPT FROM BUILDING PERMIT BUT REQUIRING PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:

1. Sheds, playhouses less than 120 square feet and not higher than 7 feet.
2. Decks, platforms, walkways and driveways not higher than 30 inches above grade and within front or side setbacks.

Exemption for the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

If your work is not listed above or if you have additional questions, please contact the Community Development Department at (562) 989-7340 or Comm_Dev@cityofsignalhill.org.