

Work Exempt from a Permit

Exemptions from permit requirements of the code do not authorize work to be done in any manner in violation of the code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

A. Building

1. **one story detached accessory structures**, used a tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
2. **fences not over six feet high**
3. **oil derricks**
4. **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 or impounding class I, II, or III-A liquids
5. **water tanks** supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1
6. **sidewalks and driveways** that are to part of an accessible route
7. **decks and platforms** not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not attached to a structure with frost footings and which is not part of an accessible route
8. **painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work**
9. **temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery**
10. **Prefabricated swimming pools** accessory to dwelling units constructed to the provisions of the international residential code or R-3 occupancies constructed to the provisions of the international Building Code, which are 24 inches or less in depth, do not exceed 5,000 gallons and are installed entirely above ground.
11. **window awnings** supported by an exterior wall of group R-3, and U occupancies
12. **movable cases, counters, and partitions** not over five feet, nine inches in height
13. **agricultural buildings** as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.60, subdivision 5