



Town of Paradise

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Work That is Exempt from Permits

Most projects require permits before the start of construction. However, work which is cosmetic, (such as painting, replacing floor coverings, trim work, etc.), does not require permits. The following is a list of 26 items that do not require permits:

1. Detached accessory structures less than 120 square feet of floor area. The structure is not within applicable setbacks and is separated from all other buildings by at least 10 feet.
2. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall on a dwelling unit, when not projecting more than 54 inches.
3. Window replacements when the frame of the window (nailing flange and existing weather protection) is not altered.
4. Finish flooring, such as carpet, tile, linoleum, etc.
5. Painting, papering & similar finish work.
6. Decorative interior tile installation.
7. Repair or replacement of toilets & faucets.
8. Replacement of electrical outlets & switches (*in existing boxes*).
9. Replacement of overcurrent devices such as circuit breakers & fuses.
 - a. Exception: Replacement of a main disconnect does require a permit.
10. Temporary decorative lighting for a dwelling (such as seasonal Christmas lights).
11. Floor sheathing repair - limited to 10 square feet maximum of floor sheathing.
12. Replacement, repair or overlay of less than 10% not to exceed 100 square feet of an existing roof within any 12-month period, all repairs shall be Class A only.
13. Fences less than six (6) feet high.
 - a. Exception: Fences constructed of concrete or masonry over (48) forty-eight inches shall require a permit.
14. Retaining walls less than (4) four feet high unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II, or III liquids. (height is measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall).

15. Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below and not required to be accessible to the disabled.
 - a. Note: For driveway aprons and approaches in the Town right of way or on Town property and for repair of public sidewalks, contact the Public Works Department for requirements.
16. Movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches high.
17. Prefabricated swimming pools meeting all of the following criteria:
 - a. Installed on a single family property,
 - b. less than (24) twenty four inches deep,
 - c. entirely above ground, and do not exceed 5,000 gallons.
18. Swings and other playground equipment.
19. Portable appliances such as, heating appliances, ventilating equipment, cooling units & evaporator coolers.
20. Replacement of any component part of an appliance which does not alter its original approval and listing.
21. Portable motors and appliances with listed cord and plug connections.
22. 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 2:1
23. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
24. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes and not including plumbing, mechanical or electrical systems.
25. Approved prefabricated carports which are entirely open on two or more sides, do not exceed 480 square feet in footprint, are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and are located in compliance with applicable building or structure setbacks but not upon property located within the Town adopted Paradise Redevelopment Project area or a Paradise General Plan Scenic Highway Corridor.
26. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above *grade* at any point, are not attached to a *dwelling* and do not serve as the exit door required.

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