



CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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2016 CALIFORNIA CODES

CODE CYCLE

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Work Exempt from Permits

Exemption from 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.

Building:

1. One story detached accessory building used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet and the ceiling height is not over 7 feet. *(Contact the Planning Department for setback requirements)*
2. Fences not over 6 feet high and block walls not over 3 feet high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counter and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in high.
5. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding a Class I, II or III-A liquids.
6. Water tank 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.
7. 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.
8. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
9. Temporary motion picture, televisions and theater stage sets and scenery.
10. Window awnings in Group R-3, and Group U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
11. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R Occupancy that are less than 18 inches deep, does not exceed 5,000 gallons and installed entirely above ground.
12. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.

13. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one-and two-family dwellings.

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 tower 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.

Gas:

1. Portable heating appliance
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation equipment.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any part that does not alter its approval or make it unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, 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.

2. 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.

Unless otherwise exempted, separate electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits will be required for the above-exempted items.