

CONSTRUCTION WORK YOU CAN DO WITHOUT A PERMIT

The following form is taken from the currently adopted California Building Code and Fremont Municipal Code. Always check with the Building Department if you are not sure if your project requires a permit.

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. Permits shall not be required for the following:

2019 California Building Code – Division II, Chapter 1, Section 105.2

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11 m²).
2. Wood fences not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high or concrete or masonry wall not over 4 feet (1219 mm) high when not subject to specific city of Fremont planning and zoning regulations. (as modified by City of Fremont Ordinance # 10-2019 Section 15.10.070).
3. Oil derricks.
4. Deleted (as modified by City of Fremont Ordinance # 10-2019 Section 15.10.070).
5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5000 gallons (18925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route, accessible parking spaces, or required exits (as modified by City of Fremont Ordinance # 10-2019 Section 15.10.070).
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 18 inches (457 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18925L) and are installed 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 and not considered a public playground (as modified by City of Fremont Ordinance # 10-2019 Section 15.10.070).
12. Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional

support of Group R-3 and U occupancies (as modified by City of Fremont Ordinance # 10-2019).

13. Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 ft. 9 in. (1753mm) high.
14. Wood decks not over 30 inches above surrounding grade or finishes, not attached to a structure, or serving any part of the means of egress (as modified by City of Fremont Ordinance # 10-2019 Section 15.10.070).

Electrical:

1. Repair 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 towers 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.

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 valve, pipes, or fixtures.