

## WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMIT

Exemption from permit requirements shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of the *Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City* (BFRCBC), *International Building Code* (IBC), *International Residential Code* (IRC), or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

**In general alterations require a permit, but ordinary repairs which are in fact maintenance activities generally do not require a permit.**

### **For One-and Two-Family Dwellings**

Permits shall not be required for the following:

#### Building:

- ✓ Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
- ✓ Painting (unless exterior and in a CHAP area), papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work, minor repairs or patching of drywall or plaster, and replacement of hardwood floors.
- ✓ Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep. **(Contact the Zoning Department at 410-396-4126 in reference to Zoning approval for this project).**
- ✓ Swings and other playground equipment. **(Contact the Zoning Department at 410-396-4126 in reference to Zoning approval for this project).**
- ✓ Removal of debris except in cases of interior or exterior demolition.
- ✓ Boarding of exterior openings with plywood.
- ✓ Replacing roof shingles
- ✓ Replacing roof tarring

#### Electrical:

- ✓ Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
- ✓ Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefore.
- ✓ Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
- ✓ Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

## Gas:

- ✓ Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
- ✓ Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- ✓ Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

## Mechanical:

- ✓ Portable heating appliances.
- ✓ Portable ventilation appliances.
- ✓ Portable cooling units.
- ✓ Steam, hot-or chilled-water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
- ✓ Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- ✓ Portable evaporative coolers.
- ✓ Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
- ✓ Portable-fuel-cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

## Plumbing:

- ✓ The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new materials, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
- ✓ 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.

## **For Other Than One-and Two-Family Dwellings**

Permits shall not be required for the following:

### **Building:**

- ✓ Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
- ✓ Interior painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar interior finish work.
- ✓ Shade cloth or plastic film structures, commonly know as “hoophouses”, constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems. The covering of the structure must be a material that conforms to NFPA 701 standards.
- ✓ Non fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (17753 mm) in height.
- ✓ Removal of debris, except in cases of interior or exterior demolition.
- ✓ Boarding exterior openings with plywood.
- ✓ Minor repair or patching of drywall or plaster.
- ✓ Replacing roof shingles.
- ✓ Replacing roof tarring.

### **Electrical:**

- ✓ Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
- ✓ The installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

### **Plumbing:**

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.