

SACRAMENTO Work Exempt from Permit (Residential)

Permits shall not be required for the following type of work: Section R105.2 2022 California Residential Code

 One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 Ft² and not over twelve feet in height (per Zoning Ordinance 17.22.020 dated 3/20/19).

This does not exempt attached structures regardless of size which include Patio Covers, Arbors, Pergola's, etc.

Fences not over 7-ft high and not of masonry construction.

Contact the Planning Division for zoning and setback requirements. Fences must meet regulations for height in the front and street side setback.

• Retaining walls that are not over 4-ft 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.

Contact the Planning Division for zoning and setback requirements. Retaining walls must meet regulations for height in the front and street side setback.

 Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.

Contact the Planning Division for zoning and setback requirements prior to installation.

- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.

(Disabled access review required for all stage sets.)

Verify the need of a special event permit prior to installation.

- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one-and two-family dwellings.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep (610mm).
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54-in from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of group R-3 and U occupancies. (Must maintain a minimum Fivefoot setback from property lines.)
- Decks not exceeding 200 Ft² in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.
- Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.

Plumbing, electrical and mechanical work associated with the above exempted items requires separate applicable 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.

Questions?

Additional information for specific repairs or installations may be requested at the Building Division.

When in doubt please contact us 916-617-4645 option 1