

VIII. BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED:

Before beginning any work, except as exempted elsewhere in this ordinance, on any building project, the owner or his authorized agent shall secure a building permit from the Building, Planning, and Zoning Department in accordance with the applicable building code. Upon approval by the Building, Planning, and Zoning Department a permit card will be issued to the owner. This card shall be posted in a conspicuous location, visible from the street, for the duration of construction. A building permit shall be valid for two (2) years. If the project is not completed within the two-year permit window, written request for one-time extension of the time of completion shall be submitted to the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer for approval

IX. AMENDMENTS TO BUILDING PERMITS:

Any amendment to a Building Permit shall be submitted in writing to the Building, Planning & Zoning Department, with appropriate adjustments to the permit fee. An amendment is required for any changes in building location, footprint, exiting, exit ways, life safety provisions, or significant changes in plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc. Approval shall be granted before work is commenced. For other than one and two family dwellings, it shall be determination of the Planning and Zoning Staff whether the proposed changes merit an amendment to existing approved permit or require a new application submission.

X. PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

Work consistent with Section 102.6 of the adopted International Building Code or Section R105.2 of the adopted International Residential Code including small accessory structures of less than 200 square feet, interior finish work, ordinary repairs with like materials, may be performed without a Building Permit. Further, reroofing and residing may be performed without a permit in Henniker. Other examples not requiring permits according to the code include, but are not limited to:

Building:

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 200 square feet (18.58 m²).
2. Fences, other than swimming pool barriers, not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not higher than 4 feet (1220 mm) measured from finished grade at the bottom of the wall to finished grade at the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or III-A liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
6. Sidewalks, driveways and on-grade concrete or masonry patios not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below and which are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops and similar finish work not involving structural changes or alterations.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Use Group R-3 occupancy, as applicable in Section 101.2, which are equal to or less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 927 L) capacity and are installed entirely above ground.

10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes and not including service systems.
11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to 1 and 2 family dwellings.
12. Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters, and partitions not higher than 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) and not containing any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical equipment.
14. Portable grandstands or bleachers providing seating for fewer than 100 persons when located outside of a building.
15. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) not more than 30 feet (9144 mm) above grade, detached, and do not serve an exit door.

Electrical:

1. Minor repairs and maintenance work, including replacement of lamps and fuses or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
2. Electrical equipment used solely for radio and television transmissions, but a permit is required for equipment and wiring for power supply and for the installation of towers and antennas.
3. Temporary testing systems required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Gas:

1. Portable heating or cooking appliances with a self-contained fuel supply.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
3. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliances with a self-contained fuel supply.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling units.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative coolers.
7. 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.
8. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

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 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.

Emergency Repairs:

Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.

XI. CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY:

When a Building Permit is required on any building project under this ordinance, such building project shall not be used or occupied, in whole or in part, as provided for in section IV, until the Certificate of Occupancy/Completion shall be issued by the Building, Planning & Zoning Department, unless approved in writing. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued unless there is compliance with the Building Code Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations, as required by RSA 673:13 I. All provisions contained in any of the national codes adopted under section IV relating to Certificates of Occupancy/Completions shall be enforced by the Building, Planning & Zoning Department. A Partial/Temporary Certificate of Occupancy/Completions, as provided for in any State building Code, may be issued for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days which may be extended at the discretion of the Building, Planning, and Zoning pursuant to RSA 676:12 III. The additional inspections required in order to issue a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy/Completion shall be paid for as established in the Rate & Fee Schedule adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

XII. ENFORCEMENT & PENALTIES

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Building, Planning & Zoning Department. In addition to any remedies available to the Town, specifically including those under RSA 676:15, any person who violates this ordinance.

- A. Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person.
- B. Shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$275 (\$500 for subsequent violations) for each day that such violation is found to continue after the date on which the violator receives written notice from the municipality that he/she is in violation, whichever is earlier.
- C. No action may be brought under this provision unless the alleged offender has been served with written notice which clearly sets forth the nature of the violation with reference to specific provisions of the Building Code. (A posted Stop Work Order constitutes such notice.)

XIII. BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Board of Appeals shall be the Henniker Zoning Board of Adjustments. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Building, Planning, and Zoning Department may appeal such decision to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals shall have the power by vote of a majority of its members to vary the application of any provision of the Building Code to any particular case when, its opinion, the enforcement thereof would do manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of the Building Code.

Any appeal to the Board of Appeals shall be taken within fifteen (15) days of the date of the decision except for decisions that a violation exists. With regards to decisions by the Building, Planning, and Zoning that there has been a violation of the Building Code, the applicant and/or contractor shall have seven (7) days from the receipt of the Notice of Violation to appeal the decision of the Building, Planning, and Zoning. The time notice and manner of the hearing before the Board of Appeals shall conform to the same requirements as a hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Appeals may appeal such decision to the Superior Court for Merrimack County.