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WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

The City of Bremerton has adopted the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and 2015 International Residential Code. No building or structure regulated by this code shall be erected, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, improved, removed, converted or demolished unless a separate permit for each building or structure has first been obtained from the building official, except as specified in below.

“IBC 105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from 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.”

The following does not require a permit; however, any structure is required to follow regulations for shoreline, critical area regulations & property line setbacks.

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet on a single-family lot (18.58 m²) or 120 square feet on commercial or multi-family property.
2. Fences less than or equal to 6 feet high, or less than or equal to 4 feet high in front yard setbacks (check with staff for interpretation)
3. Single Family Residential decks that are not attached, 200 square feet or less, 30 inches or less in height from grade at any point, and do not serve the main entry.
4. Retaining walls which are less than or equal to 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding liquids. Flammable or combustible liquids.
5. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a single-family occupancy which are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
6. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes and not including service systems.
7. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.
8. Window awnings in single-family and accessory occupancies supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
9. Nonfixed and movable cases, storage racks, counters and partitions less than or equal to 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.
10. The City of Bremerton also exempts single-family residential re-roofs PROVIDED that the roof is less than 4,000 square feet and only the roofing material (i.e., shingles) is replaced and no structural changes.

Any type of work not listed above will require a permit.