



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

BUILDING SAFETY PERMITTING DEPARTMENT

| RESIDENTIAL PERMITS | | | | | | | | |
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| This chart provides general guidance on what permits are required for each project. If you aren't sure of what type of permit you need, please call 910-798-7308. | | | | | | | | |
| ACCESSORY NEW - A structure (non-living space) that is detached from primary dwelling | BUILDING | ELECTRIC | MECHANICAL | PLUMBING | ZONING | PLAN REVIEW | NOTES | PERMIT APPLICATION |
| Carport (greater than 400 square feet) | x | | | | | x | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| Deck | x | | | | | x | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| Fence (under 6') | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | Additional City of Wilmington fees may apply, please call 910-254-0900 | |
| Garage | x | | | | | x | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| Gazebo | x | | | | | x | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| Grill (built-in within 10' of home) | x | | | | | x | | |
| Pergola | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | Zoning permit required for any structure that exceeds 12'x12' | APPLY HERE |
| Pier | x | | | | | x | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| Pool | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Shed (under 12'x12'x12') | | | | | x | | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| Shed (greater than 12'x12'x12') | x | | | | | x | Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets) | APPLY HERE |
| ADDITION - Adding square footage to existing building or structure | BUILDING | ELECTRIC | MECHANICAL | PLUMBING | ZONING | PLAN REVIEW | NOTES | PERMIT APPLICATION |
| 2nd, 3rd Floor Addition | x | x | x | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Attached Garage | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Detached Accessory Building Addition | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| FROG (Finished Room Over Garage) | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Generators | x | x | | | | x | Only requires building permit if located in a flood zone | APPLY HERE |
| Porch | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Rear, Side, Front, (Horizontal) Addition | x | x | x | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Sunroom | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| ALTERATION / RENOVATION - alteration or renovation of existing space (window replacement) | BUILDING | ELECTRIC | MECHANICAL | PLUMBING | ZONING | PLAN REVIEW | NOTES | PERMIT APPLICATION |
| Attic Converting to Living Space | x | x | x | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Bathroom Remodel | x | x | x | x | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Door (creating a new doorway) | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| FROG (Finished Room Over Garage) if existing Garage | x | x | x | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Garage Converting to Living Space | x | x | x | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Interior Structural Changes (wall) | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Kitchen Remodel | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Patio (existing) Converting to Screen Porch | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Porch (building) on Existing Slab | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Porch (existing) Converting to Sunroom | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Porch Enclose or Screen In | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Roof Over Existing Patio, Porch, Slab | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Solar Panels, Solar Array | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Window (creating a new) | x | | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| GENERAL REPAIR - Minor Repairs - No Alterations | BUILDING | ELECTRIC | MECHANICAL | PLUMBING | ZONING | PLAN REVIEW | NOTES | PERMIT APPLICATION |
| Deck | x | | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Door Replacement | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | No permit required if door(s) is same size and location | |
| Fence Repair | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | | |
| Foundation / Helical Piers | x | | | | | x | "Detached" | APPLY HERE |
| Joist / Flooring | x | | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Porch | x | x | | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Roofing / Shingles | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | No permit required if using same materials and no structural work | |
| Sheetrock | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | | |
| Siding | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | | |
| Window Replacement | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | No permit required if window(s) is same size and location | |
| MP&E - Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Permits | BUILDING | ELECTRIC | MECHANICAL | PLUMBING | ZONING | PLAN REVIEW | NOTES | PERMIT APPLICATION |
| Air Conditioner (window unit) | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | | |
| Boiler | | x | x | x | | | | APPLY HERE |
| CFPUA (connecting to water and/or sewer) | | | | x | | x | Additional CFPUA fees may apply, please call CFPUA at 910-332-6560 | APPLY HERE |
| Electrical Outlet - Installing (new) | | x | | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Electrical Prior | | x | | | | | Turning on electrical power prior to project completion | |
| Electrical Service Changeout | | x | | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Fireplaces (masonry fireplace) | x | x | x | | | x | | APPLY HERE |
| Fireplaces (factory built gas fireplaces) | | x | x | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Furnace | | x | x | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Fuse Box - Converting to Circuit Breaker | | x | | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| HVAC (existing) Replacement / Changeout | | x | x | | | | Replacing HVAC with identical size HVAC (same tonnage) | APPLY HERE |
| HVAC (new) - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Unit | | x | x | | | | New HVAC installation (where one did not exist previously) | APPLY HERE |
| Kitchen Hood System | | x | x | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Light Fixture - Installing New | | x | | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Plumbing - CFPUA (connecting to water/sewer) | | | | x | | x | Additional CFPUA fees may apply, please call CFPUA at 910-332-6560 | APPLY HERE |
| Plumbing - Changeout | | | | x | | | Changing plumbing lines, sink, shower, toilet, tub | APPLY HERE |
| Plumbing - Installing new fixture (sink, toilet) where one did not exist previously | | | | x | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Plumbing - Piping in Wall | | | | x | | x | Additional CFPUA fees may apply, please call CFPUA at 910-332-6560 | APPLY HERE |
| Plumbing - Sewer Replacement, Sewer Install) | | | | x | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Receptacle - Installing (new) | | x | | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Security Alarm - Installing or Altering | NO PERMIT REQUIRED | | | | | | Electrical permit required if adding a receptacle / outlet | |
| Water Heater Replacement | NO PERMIT REQUIRED - IF INSTALLED BY LICENSED CONTRATOR | | | | | | Homeowner (DIY) installations required an electrical/gas & plumbing permit | |
| Wiring - Running New Electrical Wiring | | x | | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| Wood Stove | | | x | | | | | APPLY HERE |
| NEW - Adding New Square Footage | BUILDING | ELECTRIC | MECHANICAL | PLUMBING | ZONING | PLAN REVIEW | NOTES | PERMIT APPLICATION |
| Detached Living Space | x | x | x | x | | x | Requires separate pool permit if applicable | APPLY HERE |
| New Duplex | x | x | x | x | | x | Requires separate pool permit if applicable | APPLY HERE |
| New House | x | x | x | x | | x | Requires separate pool permit if applicable | APPLY HERE |
| New Townhouse | x | x | x | x | | x | Requires separate pool permit if applicable | APPLY HERE |
| Secondary Residence | x | x | x | x | | x | Requires separate pool permit if applicable | APPLY HERE |