



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

BUILDING SAFETY PERMITTING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS ACCESSORY NEW - A structure (non-living space) that is detached from primary dwelling	PERMITS REQUIRED					NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION
	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING		
Carport (greater than 400 square feet)	x					Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE
Deck	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					Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE
Gazebo	x					Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE
Grill (built-in within 10' of home)	x						
Pergola	NO PERMIT REQUIRED					Zoning permit required for any structure that exceeds 12'x12'	APPLY HERE
Pier	x					Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE
Pool	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					Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE
ADDITION - Adding square footage to existing building or structure	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION
2nd, 3rd Floor Addition	x	x	x				APPLY HERE
Attached Garage	x	x					APPLY HERE
Detached Accessory Building Addition	x	x					APPLY HERE
FROG (Finished Room Over Garage)	x	x					APPLY HERE
Generators	x	x				Only requires building permit if located in a flood zone	APPLY HERE
Porch	x	x					APPLY HERE
Rear, Side, Front, (Horizontal) Addition	x	x	x				APPLY HERE
Sunroom	x	x					APPLY HERE
ALTERATION / RENOVATION - alteration or renovation of existing space (window replacement)	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION
Attic Converting to Living Space	x	x	x				APPLY HERE
Bathroom Remodel	x	x	x	x			APPLY HERE
Door (creating a new doorway)	x	x					APPLY HERE
FROG (Finished Room Over Garage) if existing Garage	x	x	x				APPLY HERE
Garage Converting to Living Space	x	x	x				APPLY HERE
Interior Structural Changes (wall)	x	x					APPLY HERE
Kitchen Remodel	x	x					APPLY HERE
Patio (existing) Converting to Screen Porch	x	x					APPLY HERE
Porch (building) on Existing Slab	x	x					APPLY HERE
Porch (existing) Converting to Sunroom	x	x					APPLY HERE
Porch Enclose or Screen In	x	x					APPLY HERE
Roof Over Existing Patio, Porch, Slab	x	x					APPLY HERE
Solar Panels, Solar Array	x	x					APPLY HERE
Window (creating a new)	x						APPLY HERE
GENERAL REPAIR - Minor Repairs - No Alterations	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION
Deck	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					"Detached"	APPLY HERE
Joist / Flooring	x						APPLY HERE
Porch	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	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION
Air Conditioner (window unit)	NO PERMIT REQUIRED						
Boiler		x	x	x			APPLY HERE
CFPUA (connecting to water and/or sewer)				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				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		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		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	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION
Detached Living Space	x	x	x	x		Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE
New Duplex	x	x	x	x		Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE
New House	x	x	x	x		Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE
New Townhouse	x	x	x	x		Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE
Secondary Residence	x	x	x	x		Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE

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.