

Tips on getting building permits in ****location****

When properly obtained, inspected and administered, building permits in ****location**** ensure that the work done on a building meets certain requirements. This protects you, and any subsequent owners, from potential health and safety risks.

Doing repair or renovation work on your home or building without pulling the proper permits may jeopardize the future sale of your property. For instance, a lender can refuse to mortgage a property if there has been unpermitted work done. A real estate appraiser might not include the unpermitted work in a future appraisal, thus lowering your property's value.

It can prove costly to do work without pulling the proper permits. In addition to being fined by the applicable municipalities, you may be required to redo the work later on, to bring it up to code.

Do I always need a building permit in ****location****?

The short answer is “yes.” Unless you are doing a simple cosmetic improvement such as painting, chances are you will need a permit in ****location****.

For example, according to ****location**** County building and permitting services, you need a building permit if you intend to “construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure; or install, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, provided the installation is regulated by the ****location**** Building Code.”

On top of county permits, there are several incorporated cities within the five-county ****location**** area that have their own building and permitting departments to make sure you adhere to their specific rules and building codes — ****names of cities****

Can I apply for ****location**** building permits online?

A variety of applications and transactions can be submitted and tracked online through ****location**** County's eServices. Some actions require the establishment of a user account, but not all of them. You can submit fees, schedule building inspections and complete a host of other permitting tasks without a user account.

****location**** County has an E-Permitting department as well. Several services are available online for ****location**** County, but ****location**** County and ****location**** County require permits to be filed in person.

The best way to get a building permit in ****location****

The best, and also the easiest, way to get a building permit in ****location**** is to have your work done by a licensed professional. Keep in mind that the person who pulls the permit is the one responsible for ensuring the work is done correctly. When you work with professional architects like ****company name**** on your building or renovation project, you can rest assured that all of the proper permits will be obtained, either by us or by the contractors chosen to carry out your plans.

Tips for do-it-yourself-permitting in ****location****

If you are a dedicated do-it-yourselfer, you may take on a project that requires building permits. If so, keep these tips in mind:

- Expect delays and revisions throughout the process, even plan for them
- Establish a good rapport with the building inspectors, they are the engine that keeps your project moving forward
- Always have your permit(s) and the property address clearly displayed
- Always walk your project **before** you call for the inspection, making sure it is ready
- Always have the approved plan available for the inspector
- Walk the project **with** the inspector
- As a courtesy, turn your cell phone on vibrate