

Permits

Frequently Asked Questions

When is a permit required?

Permits are required for work on commercial and residential structures to ensure compliance with Minnesota State Building Code minimum standards.

Examples are: new construction involving remodeling, alterations, additions, decks, porches, roofing, siding, window or door replacements, and installation of new or replacement of existing mechanical and plumbing systems. Minor repairs and smaller work may not require a permit. Manufacturer specific requirements are also part of the permit process.

How much does a permit cost?

The cost of a permit is based on either an established set fee or valuation of the project, depending on the type of work to be performed.

Permit fees are determined based on the cost of service for which the fee is imposed. Taxpayer dollars are not spent on this process. Building permits and inspections are entirely self-funded and have no net impact on a jurisdiction's general fund.

Who should get the permit?

An owner or authorized agent can get the permit. However, it is recommended that the person or company doing the work should get the permit. The same process and requirements apply whether a contractor or homeowner obtains the permit. Whoever obtains the permit shall pay the permit fees and, "be responsible for all aspects of the project including all required inspections".

In most cases, local ordinance or state law requires homeowners to hire only licensed contractors. To obtain more information on State Licensed Contractors, contact:

Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry:
443 Lafayette Road N
St. Paul, MN 55155

or Website: www.dli.mn.gov
Phone: 651-184-5005 or 1-800-342-5354
Email: dli.communications@state.mn.us

At Rum River Construction Consultants (RRCC) we encourage applicants to save time and resources when submitting permit documents for review. Therefore, we request all permit documents be sent in PDF form via email to: permits@rumrivercc.com. Paper copies of documents are accepted on a case-by-case basis. City staff can forward the documents to us for processing. If you have difficulty submitting PDF documents electronically, please let us know so we can assist with this process.

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