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List of Exempted Permits

St Petersburg Municipal Code Section 8-33,

104.1.1 When is a Permit Required. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall file an application and obtain the required permit or certificate.

104.1.1.1 Work Exempt From Permit. The building official shall have the authority to determine if any casual, minor, or inconsequential work is exempt from obtaining a permit pursuant to this code. The building official shall maintain a list of exempt work. Exemptions from the permit requirements of this code shall not authorize any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of the City.

Exceptions:

1. The exemptions are not applicable when the work is part of a larger or major operation whether undertaken by the same or a different contractor or in which a division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less than \$1,000 for the purpose of evading this part or otherwise.
2. Projects located in a flood zone in which the construction documents show work that is otherwise identified as exempted from a permit.
3. A certificate may be required, as determined by the POD, for any of the exempted items shown in this list.
4. Unless otherwise exempted by this code separate building permits, electrical permits, gas permits, mechanical permits, plumbing permits, or certificates may be required for any of the exempted items shown in this list.

Building permits. A building permit shall not be required for the following:

1. Any work or operation of a casual, minor, or inconsequential nature in which the aggregate contract price for labor, materials, and all other items is less than \$1,000 but this exemption does not apply:
If the construction, repair, remodeling, or improvement is a part of a larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or a different contractor, or in which a division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less than \$1,000 for the purpose of evading this part or otherwise.

2. The assembly, or tie-down of prefabricated portable sheds that are less than 100 square feet in interior size and are not intended for use as a residence or as living quarters. A certificate may be required, as determined by the POD.
3. A certificate may be required, as determined by One-story detached accessory structures used as a tool or storage shed, playhouses and similar uses serving a single family residence, a residential duplex or, other miscellaneous utility building constructed on a residential zoned lot, provided the total gross overhead roof area, whether open to the sky or otherwise covered, is less than 100 square feet, and further provided the roof of such buildings is not utilized to support any live load. by the POD.

This exemption shall not permit the encroachment of setbacks or the erection of any unsafe, structurally unsound, or dilapidated building or structure. In the event the building or structure violates setbacks or is considered unsafe, structurally unsound, or dilapidated the building official may require a permit to resolve violations.

4. On single family residential property, any wood, chain link, plastic or wrought iron fences 6 feet or less in height measured from the existing grade to the top of the fence.
5. Retaining walls 3-feet or less in height measured from the top of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge, impounding flammable liquids, fencing or lattice.
6. Walls constructed of masonry materials including but not limited to brick, stone, block and concrete 3-feet or less in height measured from the top of the footing to the top of the wall.
7. Decks, platforms, patios, walks, and other similar flat work not supporting a structure serving a single family residence, a residential duplex constructed on a residential zoned lot, and not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, and not over any basement or story below, and which is not a part of a handicapped accessible route. A certificate may be required, as determined by the POD.

This exemption shall not permit the encroachment of setbacks or the erection of any unsafe, structurally unsound, or dilapidated structure. In the event the structure violates setbacks or is considered unsafe, structurally unsound, or dilapidated the building official may require a permit to resolve violations.

8. Movable cases, counters, and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.
9. Non-structural cabinetry, counter tops, painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, and other similar finish work. This exemption is not applicable when the work is part of a larger or major operation whether undertaken by the same or a different contractor or in which a division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less than \$1,000 for the purpose of evading this part or otherwise.
10. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery that have been issued a motion picture maker permit.
11. Temporary shade structures, tents, theater stage sets, bleachers, grandstands or kiosks used for co-sponsored events.

12. Awnings used as protection for doors or windows, entirely supported by an exterior wall of a single family residence, a residential duplex, or garage constructed on a residential zoned lot.
13. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes.
14. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to one- or two-family dwellings.
15. Window replacements which do not otherwise enlarge or reduce an existing opening or require the removal of any exterior or interior finish material serving a single family residence, a residential duplex or, other miscellaneous utility building constructed on a residential zoned lot.
16. Interior wall or ceiling finish repair of a casual, minor or inconsequential nature in which the aggregate area of the repair does not exceed 32 square feet, or the repair does not involve the structural framing components. Except tenant separations serving dwelling units in an apartment, condominium, town home, duplex, triplex, or commercial building.
17. If a building or structure does not have a permit, or was built without a permit, or there isn't any record of a permit, then a permit is not required to demolish said building or structure.

Electrical permits. An electrical permit shall not be required for the following:

1. Portable motors or other portable appliances energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Code.
2. Repair or replacement of fixed motors, transformers of fixed approved appliances of the same type and rating in the same location.
3. Temporary decorative, holiday and display lighting that is plugged into a power source such as a 110v outlet.
4. Repair of current-carrying parts of any switch, contactor or control device.
5. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets therefor.
6. Repair of any over-current device of the required capacity in the same location.
7. Repair or replacement of electrodes or transformers of the same size and capacity for signs or gas tube systems.
8. Temporary wiring for experimental purposes in suitable experimental laboratories.
9. The wiring for temporary theater, motion picture or television stage sets that have been issued a motion picture maker permit.

10. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy serving a one-family or two-family residence building, or domestic outbuilding appurtenant to any one-family or two-family residence.
11. Low-energy power, controls and signal circuits of Classes II and III as defined in the Electrical Code serving a one-family or two-family residence building, or domestic outbuilding appurtenant to any one-family or two-family residence.
12. The installation, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment for the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy or in the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence by a public or private utility in the exercise of its function as a serving utility.

Gas permits. A gas permit shall not be required for the following:

1. The repair or replacement of any minor part that does not alter the approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
2. The repair or replacement of an existing range, cook-top, oven, or clothes dryer serving a one or two family dwelling. Permits shall be required when relocating a range, cook-top, oven, or clothes dryer requiring the need to alter or otherwise change a gas system.

Mechanical permits. A mechanical permit shall not be required for the following:

1. Heating or air-conditioning units which have a capacity no greater than 3 tons or 36,000 Btu, which have no ducts, and which have a factory-installed electrical cord and plug.
2. A portable heating appliance energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Code.
3. Portable ventilating equipment energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Code.
4. A portable cooling unit energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Code.
5. A portable evaporative cooler energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Code.
6. A closed system of steam, hot or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by the Mechanical Code.

7. Replacement of any component part of assembly of an appliance which does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of the technical codes.
8. Refrigerating equipment, which is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of the technical codes.
9. Self contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.

Plumbing permits. A plumbing permit shall not be required for the following:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, should any concealed trap, drainpipe, soil, waste or vent pipe become defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, the same may be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures.
3. The repair or replacement of an existing fixture in its present location serving a single family residence or a residential duplex constructed on a residential zoned lot provided such repair does not involve or require the replacement or re-arrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures. This exemption does not apply to the installation or replacement of a water heater.