

### Subp. 4. Work exempt from permit.

Exemptions from permit requirements of the code do not authorize work to be done in any manner in violation of the code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

#### A. Building:

- (1) One-story detached accessory structures, used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m<sup>2</sup>);
- (2) Fences not over 7 feet (2,134 mm) high;
- (3) Oil derricks;
- (4) Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1,219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II, or III-A liquids;
- (5) Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1;
- (6) Sidewalks and driveways that are not part of an accessible route;
- (7) Decks and platforms not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade and not attached to a structure with frost footings and which is not part of an accessible route;
- (8) Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work;
- (9) Temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery;
- (10) Prefabricated swimming pools installed entirely above ground accessory to dwelling units constructed to the provisions of the *International Residential Code* or R-3 occupancies constructed to the provisions of the *International Building Code*, which do not exceed both 5,000 gallons in capacity (18 925 L) and a 24-inch (610 mm) depth;
- (11) Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support, when constructed under the *International Residential Code* or Group R-3 and Group U occupancies constructed to the provisions of the *International Building Code*;
- (12) Movable cases, counters, and partitions not over five feet, nine inches (1753 mm) in height;
- (13) Swings and other playground equipment; and
- (14) Electric substation facilities, including:
  - (a) foundations that support electrical equipment;
  - (b) foundations and enclosures affixed with an Interstate Industrialized Buildings Commission (IIBC) label that contain electrical equipment only; and
  - (c) fencing that encloses the substation facilities or any part thereof.

Unless otherwise exempted, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits are required for subitems (1) to (14).

#### B. Gas:

- (1) Portable heating, cooking, or clothes drying appliances;
- (2) Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make the equipment unsafe; and
- (3) portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

#### C. Mechanical:

- (1) Portable heating appliances;
- (2) Portable ventilation appliances and equipment;
- (3) Portable cooling units;
- (4) Steam, hot, or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code;

- (5) Replacement of any part that does not alter approval of equipment or make the equipment unsafe;
  - (6) Portable evaporative coolers;
  - (7) Self-contained refrigeration systems containing ten pounds (4.5 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of one horsepower (0.75 kW) or less; and
  - (8) Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
- D. Electrical: a municipality must not require an electrical permit if the work falls under the jurisdiction of the commissioner or if the work is exempt from inspection under Minnesota Statutes, Section 326B.36, subdivision 7. This exemption does not exempt the work from other *State Building Code* requirements relating to electrical equipment.