

CITY OF WINNEMUCCA PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The City of Winnemucca enforces the International Building Code, International Residential Code, the Uniform Plumbing Code, the Uniform Mechanical Code, and the National Electrical Code. In addition, projects within the City limits are subject to Zoning regulations, City "Development Standards", Nevada Health Division regulations, Fire Codes, and any other applicable standards that may pertain.

UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE

UPC 103.1.1 states: "**Permits Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make any installation, alteration, repair, replacement or remodel any plumbing system regulated by this Code except as permitted in Section 103.1.1, or to cause the same to be done without first obtaining a separate plumbing permit for each separate building or structure". Examples of items for which permits are required include (but are not limited to): Water heaters, water supply and distribution lines, sanitary drains, indirect wastes, vents, traps and interceptors, storm drainage, fuel piping, and medical gas systems.

Exempt Work. A permit will not be required for the following:

103.1.2.1. "The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however that 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 shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspection made as provided in this code."

103.1.2.2 "(1) The clearing of stoppages, including the removal and reinstallation of water closets, or (2) the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures. Exemption from the permit requirements of this Code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction."

UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE

Permits Required. Per UMC 111.1: "Except as permitted in Section 111.2, no mechanical system regulated by this code shall be installed, altered, repaired, replaced, or remodeled unless a separate mechanical permit for each separate building or structure has first been obtained". Some of the specific items for which permits are required include (but are not limited to): Boilers, water heaters, furnaces, any gas appliance, ventilation air supply, exhaust systems, duct systems, combustion air, chimneys and vents, refrigeration systems (except as exempted below), hydronics, fuel gas piping, special piping and storage systems, and solar systems.

112.2 Exempt work. A mechanical permit shall not be required for the following:

112.2.1. A portable heating appliance, portable ventilating equipment, portable cooling unit or portable evaporative cooler.

112.2.2 A closed system of steam, hot or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.

112.2.3 Replacement of any component part or assembly of an appliance that does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of this code.

112.2.4 Refrigerating equipment that is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of this code.

112.2.5 A unit refrigerating system. Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for work to be done in violation of the provisions of this code or other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction."

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

Per NEC 90.2

(A) **Covered.** “This Code covers the installation of electrical conductors, equipment, and raceways; signaling and communications conductors, equipment, and raceways; and optical fiber cables and raceways for the following: (1) Public and private premises, including buildings, structures, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, and floating buildings (2) Yards, lots, parking lots, carnivals, and industrial substations” (3) Installations of conductors and equipment that connect to the supply of electricity (4) Installations used by the electric utility, such as office buildings, warehouses, garages, machine shops, and recreational buildings, that are not an integral part of a generating plant, substation, or control center.”

Not Covered. This Code does not cover watercraft other than floating buildings, underground in mines, railways, communications equipment under the exclusive control of communications utilities located outdoors or in building spaces used exclusively for such installations, Installations under the exclusive control of an electric utility where such installations (a) Consist of service drops or service laterals, and associated metering, or (b) Are located in legally established easements, rights-of-way, or by other agreements either designated by or recognized by public service commissions, utility commissions, or other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction for such installations, or (c) Are on property owned or leased by the electric utility for the purpose of communications, metering, generation, control, transformation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy.”

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING / RESIDENTIAL CODE

Permits Required. IBC 105.1. “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 first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit”.

Examples of alterations for which a permit is required include (but is not limited to) replacing or installing new building siding, stucco, enlarging windows, reducing windows, adding doors, eliminating doors, reroofing, sheetrock, converting a garage to living space, converting a room to a bedroom, changing the use of a building (i.e., from an office to a mercantile).

Work Exempt from Permit. A building permit shall not be required for the following:

1. One-story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, livestock shelters, or greenhouses provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
2. Fences not over 7 feet high. (*Planning and Zoning Requirements Still Apply at 3' and 6'*)
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet 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 IIIA liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons . . .
6. Sidewalks, driveways, platforms, and decks not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, not over any basement or story below, and which are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, theater state sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy as applicable in Section 101.2 of the code, that are less than 24” deep and do not exceed 5,000 gallons in the ground, or are less than 5’ deep when installed entirely above ground.
10. Shade cloth structures not exceeding 250 square feet of roof area.
11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one-and two-family dwellings.

12. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54" from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3 and U occupancies.
13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.
14. Nonilluminated flat signs which are no more than one inch thick, and which do not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size when installed flush mount on a building wall.
15. Nonilluminated signs installed less than 6' above grade, measured to the top of the structure.
16. Temporary signs announcing the sale or rent of property.
17. Projecting signs not exceeding 2.5 square feet.
18. The changing of moveable parts of an approved sign that is designed for such changes, or the repainting or repositioning of display matter.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW IF A PERMIT IS REQUIRED, PLEASE CALL (775)623-6319 AND CITY STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.