

Why should you get a building permit?

There are many important reasons to obtain the required building permit(s) and to obtain the required inspections for your construction project.

- **Helps protect property value.** Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced.
- **Saves Money.** Property insurers may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.
- **Makes Selling Property Easier.** When property is sold through a multiple listing association, the owner is required to disclose any improvements or repairs made and if permits and inspections were obtained. Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or do costly repairs.
- **Improves safety.** Your permit allows the code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction to provide for public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, and your friends or future owners. Mandatory inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances resulting in a safer project.
- **It's the Law.** Work requiring permits are made such by City Ordinance. Work without a permit may be subject to removal or other costly remedies.