



City of Huntington Beach
Department of Planning & Building
BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTIONS
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17.04.032 CBC Appendix Chapter 1, Section 105.2 Work exempt from permit, amended. Exemptions from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of the code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

- One story detached accessory buildings used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, private lathouses, glasshouses, pagodas, gazebos and similar structures and uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
- Fences not over 42 inches high or architectural features not exceeding 6 ft and not within required zoning setbacks.
- Oil derricks and tanks
- Retaining walls which do not support over 2 feet of earth 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.
- Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
- Sidewalks, platforms decks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and not part of an accessible route.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
- Swings, other playground equipment and similar type recreational structures.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support in Group R-3 and U occupancies.
- Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.
- Flag poles, light poles and TV dishes in connection with a Group R, Division 3 occupancy and not exceeding 15 feet in height.
- Re-roofing an area smaller than 100 square feet while satisfying all applicable application requirements.
- Replacement doors and windows when the waterproof membrane is not altered and emergency egress dimensions are equal to or better than the original permitted layout.
- New roof penetrations less than 14" by 14" when no framing modifications or additions are required.

Unless otherwise provided by code, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items.

For further information, please contact the Department of Building and Safety at 714.536.5241 and press "0" to speak to an attendant.

