



City of Placerville

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Exemption From Permit

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24

A written construction permit shall be obtained from the enforcing agency prior to the erection, construction, reconstruction, installation, moving or alteration of any building or structure.

Exceptions:

- Work exempt from permits as specified below.
- Changes, alterations or repairs of a minor nature not affecting structural features, egress, sanitation, safety or accessibility as determined by the enforcing agency.
- Retroactive permits issued in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 17958.12.

Exemptions from permit requirements shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of other provisions of law or this code.

BUILDING STANDARDS

CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE - PART 2

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m²). It is permissible that these structures still be regulated by Section 710A, despite exemption from permit.
2. Fences not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 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 IIIA liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1.
6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family dwellings.

12. Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, 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.
13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.

CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE - PART 2.5

1. Other than storm shelters, one-story detached accessory structures, provided that the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.15 m²). It is permissible that these structures still be regulated by Section 710A, despite exemption from permit.
2. Fences not over 7 feet (2134 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
4. 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.
5. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. 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.
10. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the exit door required by Section R311.4.

CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE - PART 3

1. Listed cord and plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets.
3. Repair or replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
4. Installation or maintenance of communications wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment.

CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE - PART 4

1. A portable heating appliance, portable ventilating equipment, a portable cooling unit, or a portable evaporative cooler.
2. A closed system of steam, hot, or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
3. Replacement of a component part that does not alter its original approval and is in accordance with other applicable requirements of this code.
4. Refrigerating equipment that is part of the equipment for which a permit has been issued pursuant to the requirements of this code.

5. A unit refrigerating system.

CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE – PART 5

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste, or vent pipe, provided, however, that a 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.
2. The clearing of stoppages, including the removal and reinstallation of water closets, or 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.

CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – PART 10

1. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade and not over any basement or story below and that are not part of an accessible route.
2. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
3. Temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery.
4. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, and not including service systems.
5. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R-3 or Group U occupancies.
6. Nonfixed and movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches

GRADING

CITY OF PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE - TITLE 8-CHAPTER 7

Except for the specific exemptions listed hereinafter, no person shall do or permit to be done any grading on any site in the incorporated area of the city without a valid permit obtained from the city engineer.

(A) Minor projects which have cut or fill slopes which are less than two feet (2') in vertical depth, and which include all of the following:

1. Less than fifty (50) cubic yards of graded material.
2. The removal, plowing under or burial of less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of vegetation on slopes ten percent (10%) or steeper or any amount of vegetation on slopes flatter than ten percent (10%).
3. No unstable or erodible slopes are created.
4. No encroachment onto sewage disposal systems or areas is created.
5. Are not intended for support of a structure and having fills less than two feet (2') in depth.
6. Will not alter previously placed erosion control items or alter natural drainage courses.

(B) Grading done by or under the supervision or construction control of a public agency or utility that assumes full responsibility for the work to the extent required by law.

(C) Excavations in connection with a building, structure, or swimming pool authorized by a valid building permit provided that the prescriptive standards herein are met.

(D) Grading necessary for agricultural operations unless such grading will create a cut or fill whose failure could endanger any structure intended for human or animal occupancy or any public road, or could obstruct or increase the sediment in any watercourse or drainage conduit.

(E) Trenching, excavation, and grading incidental to the construction or installation of city approved underground pipelines, septic tank disposal fields, conduits, electrical or communication facilities, and drilling or excavation for approved wells or post holes.

(F) Excavations for soil, geotechnical, geological, or environmental studies by engineers, geologists, environmental health specialists or soil scientists.

(G) Grading in accordance with plans incorporated in an approved surface mining permit, reclamation plan or sanitary landfill.

(H) Maintenance of existing firebreaks and roads to keep the firebreak or road substantially in its original condition.

(I) Routine cemetery excavations and fills.

(J) Performance of emergency work necessary to protect life or property when an urgent necessity therefore arises. The person performing such emergency work shall notify the city engineer promptly of the problem and work required and shall apply for a permit therefor within ten (10) calendar days after commencing said work.