



# **COUNTY OF PICKENS**

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**Building Codes Administration**

## **The following items are exempt from Building Permits:**

**Permits shall not be required for the following. Exemption from the 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 this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.**

### **Building:**

1. One-story detached accessory structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet and has no electrical, plumbing or HVAC.
2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks/driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below.
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.

### **Electrical:**

Repairs and maintenance: A permit shall not be required for minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

### **Gas:**

1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

### **Mechanical/Plumbing**

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.

The stopping of leaks or clearing of stoppages in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe **if not concealed**.

### **Emergency Repairs:**

***Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.***