

Zoning and Building Department

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Hopewell – Town Zoning Ordinance Section 202 A.

202 - Certificates and Permits

The Certificates and Permits enumerated herein are hereby established for the equitable enforcement and administration of the provisions of this Ordinance. A Building Permit or Special Use Permit shall be prerequisite to the addition to, or erection or alteration of, a building, structure or use thereof.

A. Building Permit

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, **a Building Permit shall be required** for any work which must conform to the Uniform Code and/or Energy Code, including, **but not limited to**, the construction, enlargement, alteration, improvement, removal, relocation or demolition of any building or structure or any portion thereof; and the installation of a solid fuel burning heating appliance, chimney or flue in any dwelling unit. Agricultural buildings or structures shall require a Building Permit and shall be constructed to meet generally accepted standards. Minimum accepted standards are on file with the Town of Hopewell Code Enforcement Officer.

No person shall commence any work for which a Building Permit is required without having first obtained a Building Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

2. **No Building Permit** shall be required for work in any of the following categories:

- a. Construction or installation of playhouses, or similar uses, provided the gross floor area does not exceed 144 (one hundred forty-four) square feet.
- b. Installation of swings or other playground equipment associated with a one- family or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses).
- c. Installation of swimming pools associated with a one-family or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) where such pools are designed for a water depth of less than 24 (twenty- four) inches and are installed entirely above ground.
- d. Construction of retaining walls unless such walls support a surcharge or impound Class I, II, or IIIA liquids.
- e. Construction of temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- f. Installation of window awnings supported by an exterior wall of a one-family or two-family dwelling or multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses).
- g. Installation of partitions or movable cases less than 5'9" (five foot nine inches) in height.
- h. Painting, wallpapering, tiling, carpeting, or other similar finish work.

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- i. Installation of listed portable electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation or cooling equipment or appliances.
 - j. Replacement of any equipment provided the replacement does not alter the equipment's listing or render it inconsistent with the equipment's original specifications.
 - k. Repairs, provided that such repairs do not involve:
 - i. The removal or cutting away of a load bearing wall, partition, or portion thereof, or of any structural beam or load-bearing component.
 - ii. The removal or change of any required means of egress, or the rearrangement of parts of a structure in a manner which affects egress.
 - iii. The enlargement, alteration, replacement, or relocation of any building system.
 - iv. Removal from service all or part of a fire protection system for any period of time.
3. The exemption from the requirement to obtain a Building Permit for work in any category set forth in subdivision 2 of this section shall not be deemed an authorization for work to be performed in violation of the Uniform Code or the Energy Code.