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Residential Remodel

Code References:

- International Building Code 105.1

When do I need to apply for this permit?

A residential remodeling or addition permit can cover a very broad range of work. The following outlines three groups of construction activity within this permit type.

1. **Remodel** – Changing the interior space of an existing structure, either structural or nonstructural, but not creating any new floor area. May include exterior changes. Exterior changes are limited to the building envelope and existing footprint.

There are two types of remodels: **Major and Minor**.

a. Examples of **Major**:

- Structural design (plans & calculations).
- Life safety design changes, change of use.
- Accessibility design changes.

b. Example of **Minor**:

- Moving of non-load bearing walls.
- Moving of anchorage (approved by engineer of record).
- Glazing sizes or locations, insulation values.
- Heating equipment.

2. **Structure Addition** – Construction of new square footage attached to an existing structure, this may include interior or exterior alterations to the existing structure. This permit type does not include Attached or Dwelling Units (ADU) or habitable, detached structures, such as, detached dwelling units, mobile homes, tiny houses, or other habitable structures.

3. **Repair** – Reconstructing or renewing part of an existing structure to maintain or restore it. Repair permits are most often used after a natural disaster or home fire. May also include work such as repairs to a failing foundation or other structural failures.

Please review our [Do I Need a Building Permit?](#) brochure for more details.

Please note: For additions or alternations outside of the structure, an additional Shoreline Exemption permit shall be required if the work is within 200ft of the Ordinary High-Water Mark (OHWM). This is not applicable to interior work only.

Contact the Planning and Public Works Department to discuss your proposed project scope:

- Schedule a virtual or in person appointment with our Tech of the Day [HERE](#)
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