

January 2008

Building/Zoning Department
City of Sparta
201 W. Oak Street
Sparta, WI 54656

Permits & Inspections

Special points of interest:

- When do I need a permit?
- Inspection requirements
- Other information
- Plan Reviews Etc...

When do I need permits?

Of all the questions fielded by this office, the number one question asked is “when do I need a permit?” The answer to this question is not black and white.

*Building Permits:

Generally, you would need permits for alterations affecting exiting, natural light, structural, insulation, changes of use and occupancy. Also, decks (attached or detached), accessory structures over 150 sqft., pools, signs, re-roofing, additions, foundation repairs (in some cases), demolition of structures. There may be cases not listed where a permit would be required. ***Please call for specific requirements.**

HVAC Permits:

All new HVAC installations, replacements of existing HVAC units, any alteration to existing systems in-

volving 50% or more. All fireplace installations.

Plumbing Permits:

All new installations and additions to an existing system, turf & building sprinkler systems, all alterations or modifications involving 50% or more of an existing system. All connections to water or sewer mains.

Electrical Permits:

All additions, alterations or new installations of wiring, equipment or devices *except for the repair or replacement of defective fittings, fixtures, receptacles, sockets or switches, nor for the installation of less than 6 outlets.*

Remember, this is not a complete listing of all permit requirements. **If your not sure, please contact our office to avoid double fees and forfeitures!**

Plan Reviews Etc...

The City of Sparta is a Department of Commerce certified community. This means we are responsible for all commercial inspections. The State will no longer be involved in these inspections. For more information please contact our office.

Contractor Licensing

The City of Sparta requires that all contractors who's work requires a permit hold a current Contractors License. The qualifications for these licenses are regulated by the State of Wisconsin. Licensing helps protect your investment by ensuring the work being performed is completed by a qualified person. If you are unsure if the contractor is properly licensed, please do not hesitate to contact our office for a complete listing.



Other Information:

All of our handouts, permit applications, contractor license applications, building codes, ordinances, fee schedules and other information may be found on our web site at:

www.spartawisconsin.org

Just go to the Building/Zoning Department link and you will find all this information.

You may also email me at:

bldg@ci.sparta.wi.us

Or call our office at:

269-6509



Inspection Requirements

To avoid untimely delays in your project we ask that all inspections be requested 24 hours in advance. Anything less than 24 hours will not guarantee a time. All inspections listed are required. By state code, we are allowed 48 hours to perform requested inspections. I will do everything possible to inspect the same day as requested. However, inspections called in on a timely matter will have priority. If you do not make the proper requests and continue construction, your work will be required to be exposed for inspection.

The following is a list of required inspections:

- Footing.
- Foundation.
- Rough framing, electrical, plumbing and HVAC.
- Basement floor prior to pouring.

- Insulation
- Final occupancy.

Just one final note...

Don't hesitate to contact us with your comments, suggestions or questions