



## BUILDING PERMITS WHY REQUIRED, FOR WHAT & REPERCUSSIONS

There are many important reasons to obtain the required building permit(s) and to obtain the required inspections for your construction project.



### Helps protect property value

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with city codes, the value of your investment could be reduced.

### Saves Money

Property insurers may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.

### Makes Selling Property Easier

When property is sold through a multiple listing association, the owner is required to disclose any improvements or repairs made and if permits and inspections were obtained. Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection. The real estate value will not consider the work that was completed without a permit. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, or do costly repairs.

### Improves Safety

Your permit allows the code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction to provide for public health, safety and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety, ensuring that your home will be safe for your family and any future family that lives there. Mandatory inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances resulting in a safer project.

### It's the Law

Building permits are required by the Florida Building Code. Work without a permit on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before or without obtaining the building official's approval or the necessary permit(s) is subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the required permit fees in addition to the required permit fees. Non-payment of the fees can result in a requirement that the improvements be removed. Satisfying outstanding City Code violations after construction, combined with Florida Building Code fines, can be very expensive.



### What if my tradesperson suggests I don't need a permit?

Be wary and check with the building department yourself. It is ultimately your responsibility to ensure work requiring a permit receives one.

If your project involves minor cosmetic changes, you probably will not have to worry about getting a building permit. If you are making changes to your house's structure, plumbing, or electrical wiring, you will need to obtain permits. **The best way to find out whether or not a permit is required is to call the Weston Building Department.**

The Weston Building Department  
954-385-0500

<http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/BuildingCodeServices/BuildingCodeServicesHome.aspx>