



**2015 International Building Code
Permit Exemptions List**

1. One-story, detached, accessory structures used for lawn and garden equipment storage, tool storage and similar uses, as well as arbors, pergolas, and similar structures, provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet (11.15 m²) or 8 feet (2.438 m) in height measured from grade, do not house flammable liquids in quantities exceeding 10 gallons (38 L) per building and are located at least 3 feet (0.914 m) from adjoining property line.
2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the low side grade to the top of the wall unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or IIIA liquids. The horizontal distance to the next uphill retaining wall shall be at least equal to the total height of the lower retaining wall.
5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons (18,927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
6. Platforms intended for human occupancy or walking, sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any *basement* window and are not part of an *accessible route*.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated and portable swimming or wading pools, hot tubs or spas if such structures are supported directly upon grade when the walls of such structure are entirely above grade and if such structures cannot contain water more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems. Hoop houses constructed with a flexible frame such as PVC tubing used for starting plants.
11. Swings and other playground equipment or play structures accessory to detached one- and two- family *dwellings* provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet (11.15 m²) or 8 feet (2.438 m) in height measure from grade, including on elevated playhouse or play structure per lot designed, and used exclusively for play. Elevated play houses or play structures shall not



exceed 64 square feet (5.9 m²) of floor area or 6 feet (1.82 m) in height as measured from the floor to the highest point of such structure.

12. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall, do not require additional support, and do not extend over the public right of way. Window replacement requiring no structural alteration. Window replacement requiring no change in the window configuration which reduces the size of the window clear opening. Window replacement when such work is determined not to be historically significant. Storm window, storm door and rain gutter installation.

13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.

14. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above *grade*, are not attached to a building, and do not serve an exit door required by Chapter 10.

15. Roofing repair or replacement work not exceeding one square (100 square feet) of covering per building.

16. Replacement of nonstructural siding when the removal of siding is performed in accordance with State laws regarding asbestos and lead paint.

17. Work valued at less than \$500 when such work does not involve alteration of structural components, fire-rated assemblies, plumbing, electrical, mechanical or fire-extinguishing systems.

18. Decorative ponds, fountains and pools no more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.