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FAQ: When permits are required...

Construction permits are required to ensure work on commercial and residential structures have been designed and completed as required by the Minnesota State Building Code and meets a minimum level of standards. Specific instructions and requirements of various product manufacturers and components are also part of the permit process. The cost of a permit is based on either a set fee or the valuation of the project depending on the type of work to be performed.

By definition, "Building Permits" and "Inspections" are termed a *Fee for Service*. No taxpayer dollars are to be spent on this process. Building permits and inspections are entirely self-funded and have no net impact on a jurisdiction's general fund. Those who decide to undertake a project for which a permit is required bear the cost of the required permit and inspection process. This is the way the process is designed and set forth by the State of Minnesota.

The same process and requirements must be adhered to whether a contractor or the homeowner is responsible for the work and applies for the permit; fees likewise are exactly the same regardless of who completes the application. Please be aware that the applicant is the party responsible for the project and must be available to answer questions and be responsible for all aspects of the submittal and inspection process.

In most cases, either local ordinances or state law requires homeowners to hire only licensed contractors. To obtain more information on State Licensed Contractors, contact the Department of Labor and Industry.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
443 Lafayette Road N
St Paul, MN 55155
Website: www.dli.mn.gov
Phone: 651-284-5005 or 1-800-342-5354
Email: dli.communications@state.mn.us

Permits are required for all new construction, remodeling and additions, decks, porches, roofing and siding work. Certain repairs and smaller work may not require a permit. Please contact our Building Official by calling 763-291-3704 or email andy@rumrivercc.com for questions related to required permits.