



Portage County Building Department

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WORK EXEMPT FROM APPROVAL

The Ohio Residential Code (April 2006) Section 105.2 indicates work that is exempt from approvals. Exceptions from the Code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this Code or any other laws or resolutions of this jurisdiction.

BUILDING:

- One-story detached accessory structures provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet.
- Fences not over 6 feet high.
- Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
- Water tanks support directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons.
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches about adjacent grade and not over any basement of story below.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
- Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one, two, or three-family dwelling.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Replacement of siding or roof shingles.

ELECTRICAL:

- Repairs and maintenance. Approval shall not be required for minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

GAS:

- Portage heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

MECHANICAL:

- Portable heating appliance.
- Portable ventilation appliances.
- Portable cooling unit.
- Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
- Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
- Portable evaporative cooler.
- Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower or less.
- Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS:

- Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, applications for approval shall be submitted within the next working business day.

MINOR REPAIRS:

- Minor repairs to residential structures may be made without application or notice to the residential building official. Such repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, or the cutting or removal of any structural beam or load bearing support, or any change to the means of egress.