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WORK EXEMPT FROM BUILDING PERMITS

The following is a listing of all work that does not require a permit. All other work in Lancaster County will require proper permitting. Lancaster County currently does not require a business license.

Building:

- One-story detached accessory structures used as storage sheds, playhouses or similar uses that are less than 120 square feet in size. (Note: A zoning permit \$35.00 is still required).
- Oil derricks
- Retaining walls not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or Class I, II or IIIa liquids.
- Fences not over 7 feet high
- Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2:1.
- Sidewalks or driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of any accessible route.
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
- Temporary motion picture, television and theatre stage sets and scenery.
- Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons and are installed entirely above ground.
- Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
- Swings or other playground equipment accessory to detached one and two family dwellings.
- Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies, supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
- Nonfixed and moveable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches in height.

Electrical:

- Repairs and maintenance of a minor nature including the replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical equipment to *approved* permanently installed receptacles.
- Radio and television transmitting station equipment does not require a permit, however service and equipment to support such equipment does require a permit.

Gas:

- Portable heating appliances
- Replacement of any minor parts that do not alter the approval of such equipment nor render it unsafe.

Mechanical:

- Portable heating, cooling or ventilation equipment or portable evaporative cooler
- Steam, heat or chilled water piping within heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
- Self contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of one hp or less

Plumbing:

- The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe., provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe water, soil waste or grain pipes becomes defective and it becomes necessary to replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit and inspection shall be obtained.
- The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valve or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves