WHAT REQUIRES A BUILDING PERMIT?

- New houses
- Wood decks, patio covers, porches (repairs and replacements)
- Roofing work
- Siding, soffit, fascia, casings
- Additions
- Garages, carports
- Any accessory structure larger than 200 sq. ft.
- Structural repairs, i.e., foundations, walls, headers, beams, joists, & rafters
- Retaining walls over 4 ft. high
- Interior remodeling involving drywall, moving/building of walls, and altering windows and/or doors
- Interior demolition for remodel
- Demolition of all or part of a structure

This list is not all inclusive. If you have any questions about whether or not your project requires a building permit, please call (563) 589-4150.

WHAT REQUIRES AN ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND/OR MECHANICAL PERMIT?

- Changing, relocating, or alteration to electrical service entrance
- Replacement of receptacles that are not the same type
- Rewiring house, adding outlets, adding central air conditioning
- Adding a new bath, changing locations of plumbing fixtures, installing a water meter
- Gas piping
- Installing a new or replacing a furnace, water heater, central air conditioning; including venting of an appliance

Under City Ordinance, single-family homeowners who are also occupants of the home may apply for and obtain permits to do their own work; however, if a contractor does the work, it is recommended the contractor obtain the permit. Contractors are required to be licensed in the City of Dubuque and by the State of Iowa. More information on licensing requirements can be found under “Contractor Licensing” at www.cityofdubuque.org/buildingservices.

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