

**2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE  
SECTION 105 - PERMITS**

**105.1 Permits Required.**

Except as specified in Section 105.2, any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

**105.2 Work Exempt from Permit.**

1. One-story detached accessory building used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
2. Fences not over 6 feet.
3. 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.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
5. Platforms, walks, driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. 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.

**Unless otherwise exempted, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items. Exemption from the permit requirements of this 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 ordinance of this jurisdiction.**

**Grays Harbor County Code Chapter 15.04, which establishes the Building Code for Grays Harbor County, provides the following additional exemptions:**

10. Roof covering replacement (re-roofing), not including the repair or replacement of the roof sheathing or other structural components.
11. Siding replacement, not including the repair or replacement of structural components.
12. Window replacement, provided, however, that the replacement does not include structural modifications. Provided further, replacement windows shall comply with the requirements of the Washington State Energy Code for the thermal efficiency and of IRC Section R310 for emergency egress from sleeping rooms, and R308.4 for hazardous locations.

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