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When Is an Electrical Permit Required?

(Excerpts from the Uniform Administrative Code for the National Electrical Code)

301(a) Permits Required. Except as specified in Subsection (b) of this section, no electrical system regulated by this code shall be installed, altered, repaired, replaced, or remodeled unless a separate electrical permit for each building or structure has first been obtained from the building official.

301 (b) Exempt Work. An electrical permit shall not be required for the following:

1. Portable motors or other portable appliance energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when that cord or cable is permitted by code.
2. Repair or replacement of fixed motors, transformer or fixed approved appliances of the same type and rating in the same location.
3. Temporary decorative lighting.
4. Repair or replacement of current carrying part of any switch, contactor or control device.
5. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets therefore.
6. Repair or replacement of any overcurrent device of the required capacity in the same location.
7. Repair or replacement of electrodes of transformers of the same size and capacity for signs or gas tube systems.
8. Taping joints.
9. Removal of electrical wiring.
10. Temporary wiring for experimental purposes in suitable experimental laboratories.
11. The wiring for temporary theater, motion picture or television stage sets.
12. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus of equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
13. Low-energy power, control and signal circuits of Classes II and III as defined in the National Electrical Code.
14. A permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment of the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy or in the operation of signals of the transmission of intelligence by the public or private utility in the exercise of its function as a serving utility.

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 ordinances of this jurisdiction.
