



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

BUILDING SAFETY PERMITTING DEPARTMENT

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS									
This chart provides general guidance on what permits are required for each project. If you aren't sure of what type of permit you need, please call 910-798-7308.									
ACCESSORY NEW - A structure (non-living space) that is detached from primary dwelling	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	PLAN REVIEW	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION	
Carport (greater than 400 square feet)	x					x	Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
Deck	x					x	Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
Fence (under 6')	NO PERMIT REQUIRED							Additional City of Wilmington fees may apply, please call 910-254-0900	
Garage	x					x	Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
Gazebo	x					x	Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
Grill (built-in within 10' of home)	x					x			
Pergola	NO PERMIT REQUIRED							Zoning permit required for any structure that exceeds 12'x12'	APPLY HERE
Pier	x					x	Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
Pool	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Shed (under 12'x12'x12')					x		Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
Shed (greater than 12'x12'x12')	x					x	Electrical work requires a permit (wiring, lighting, outlets)	APPLY HERE	
ADDITION - Adding square footage to existing building or structure	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	PLAN REVIEW	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION	
2nd, 3rd Floor Addition	x	x	x			x		APPLY HERE	
Attached Garage	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Detached Accessory Building Addition	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
FROG (Finished Room Over Garage)	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Generators	x	x				x	Only requires building permit if located in a flood zone	APPLY HERE	
Porch	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Rear, Side, Front, (Horizontal) Addition	x	x	x			x		APPLY HERE	
Sunroom	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
ALTERATION / RENOVATION - alteration or renovation of existing space (window replacement)	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	PLAN REVIEW	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION	
Attic Converting to Living Space	x	x	x			x		APPLY HERE	
Bathroom Remodel	x	x	x	x		x		APPLY HERE	
Door (creating a new doorway)	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
FROG (Finished Room Over Garage) if existing Garage	x	x	x			x		APPLY HERE	
Garage Converting to Living Space	x	x	x			x		APPLY HERE	
Interior Structural Changes (wall)	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Kitchen Remodel	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Patio (existing) Converting to Screen Porch	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Porch (building) on Existing Slab	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Porch (existing) Converting to Sunroom	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Porch Enclose or Screen In	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Roof Over Existing Patio, Porch, Slab	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Solar Panels, Solar Array	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Window (creating a new)	x					x		APPLY HERE	
GENERAL REPAIR - Minor Repairs - No Alterations	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	PLAN REVIEW	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION	
Deck	x					x		APPLY HERE	
Door Replacement	NO PERMIT REQUIRED						No permit required if door(s) is same size and location		
Fence Repair	NO PERMIT REQUIRED								
Foundation / Helical Piers	x					x	"Detached"	APPLY HERE	
Joist / Flooring	x					x		APPLY HERE	
Porch	x	x				x		APPLY HERE	
Roofing / Shingles	NO PERMIT REQUIRED						No permit required if using same materials and no structural work		
Sheetrock	NO PERMIT REQUIRED								
Siding	NO PERMIT REQUIRED								
Window Replacement	NO PERMIT REQUIRED						No permit required if window(s) is same size and location		
MP&E - Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Permits	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	PLAN REVIEW	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION	
Air Conditioner (window unit)	NO PERMIT REQUIRED								
Boiler		x	x	x				APPLY HERE	
CFPUA (connecting to water and/or sewer)				x		x	Additional CFPUA fees may apply, please call CFPUA at 910-332-6560	APPLY HERE	
Electrical Outlet - Installing (new)		x						APPLY HERE	
Electrical Prior		x					Turning on electrical power prior to project completion		
Electrical Service Changeout		x						APPLY HERE	
Fireplaces (masonry fireplace)	x	x	x			x		APPLY HERE	
Fireplaces (factory built gas fireplaces)		x	x					APPLY HERE	
Furnace		x	x					APPLY HERE	
Fuse Box - Converting to Circuit Breaker		x						APPLY HERE	
HVAC (existing) Replacement / Changeout		x	x				Replacing HVAC with identical size HVAC (same tonnage)	APPLY HERE	
HVAC (new) - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Unit		x	x				New HVAC installation (where one did not exist previously)	APPLY HERE	
Kitchen Hood System		x	x					APPLY HERE	
Light Fixture - Installing New		x						APPLY HERE	
Plumbing - CFPUA (connecting to water/sewer)				x		x	Additional CFPUA fees may apply, please call CFPUA at 910-332-6560	APPLY HERE	
Plumbing - Changeout				x			Changing plumbing lines, sink, shower, toilet, tub	APPLY HERE	
Plumbing - Installing new fixture (sink, toilet) where one did not exist previously				x				APPLY HERE	
Plumbing - Piping in Wall				x		x	Additional CFPUA fees may apply, please call CFPUA at 910-332-6560	APPLY HERE	
Plumbing - Sewer Replacement, Sewer Install)				x				APPLY HERE	
Receptacle - Installing (new)		x						APPLY HERE	
Security Alarm - Installing or Altering	NO PERMIT REQUIRED						Electrical permit required if adding a receptacle / outlet		
Water Heater Replacement	NO PERMIT REQUIRED - IF INSTALLED BY LICENSED CONTRATOR						Homeowner (DIY) installations required an electrical/gas & plumbing permit		
Wiring - Running New Electrical Wiring		x						APPLY HERE	
Wood Stove			x					APPLY HERE	
NEW - Adding New Square Footage	BUILDING	ELECTRIC	MECHANICAL	PLUMBING	ZONING	PLAN REVIEW	NOTES	PERMIT APPLICATION	
Detached Living Space	x	x	x	x		x	Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE	
New Duplex	x	x	x	x		x	Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE	
New House	x	x	x	x		x	Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE	
New Townhouse	x	x	x	x		x	Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE	
Secondary Residence	x	x	x	x		x	Requires separate pool permit if applicable	APPLY HERE	