



Attention Contractors and Homeowners:

Please be advised that the Delaware County Department of Building Safety now enforces the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio. With the adoption of the 2019 Residential Building Code there have been changes in what types of construction require approvals and what is exempt from approvals. Please see section 105 of the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio provided below as you prepare to do work on residential properties.

Please be advised that replacement of any electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing system, other residential building service equipment, or piping 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 approval. This includes furnace and hot water tank replacement.

2019 Residential Code of Ohio
SECTION 105
APPROVALS

105.1 Required. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move or change the occupancy of a *residential* building or structure, *or portion thereof, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing system, other residential building service equipment, or piping 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 *approval*.

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SECTION 102
APPLICABILITY AND JURISDICTIONAL
AUTHORITY

102.10 Work exempt from approval. *Approvals* shall not be required for the following. Exemption from the *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.

Building:

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (18.58 m²) and playground structures.
2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high. **(NOT OVER 7 FEET (2134 MM) HIGH FOR DELAWARE COUNTY)**
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) 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 (18 927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade and not over any basement or story below and which are not part of an accessible route.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one, two *or* three-family dwelling.
8. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
9. Decks not exceeding 200 square feet (18.58 m²) in area, that are not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling, and do not serve the exit door required by Section 311.2.
10. Above-ground storage tanks as defined in rule 4101:8-2-01 of the Administrative Code and the associated tank foundations.
11. Battery operated smoke or carbon monoxide alarms installed in existing buildings where no construction is taking place.

Electrical:

1. Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets thereof.
3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity and type in the same location.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus, or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
5. Repairs and maintenance: Approval shall not be required for minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
6. Process equipment and the associated wiring on the load side of the power disconnect to the equipment.
7. Electrical wiring equipment not connected to building services equipment in and adjacent to natural or artificially made bodies of water as defined in Article 682 of NFPA 70 as referenced in Chapter 44.

Gas:

1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
3. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
4. Gas distribution piping owned and maintained by public or municipal utilities and located upstream of the point of delivery.
5. Process equipment, including associated tanks, foundations, and process piping. For combination building service/process or power piping systems, the power or process piping located downstream of the control valve which separates the process from the building services piping is exempt from approval.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation appliances.
3. Portable cooling unit.
4. Steam, hot or chilled water piping within any heating or cooling equipment regulated by this code.
5. Replacement of any part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
8. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
9. Heating and cooling distribution piping owned and maintained by the public or municipal utilities.
10. Process equipment, including associated tanks, foundations, and process piping. For combination building service/process or power piping systems, the power or process piping located downstream of the control valve which separates the process from the building services piping is exempt from approval.