

Limited Scope Permit Projects (Revision 6-19-15)

General Comments:

All work completed under the auspices of this Limited Scope Project Permit must be done within the confines of the applicable codes, standards, and manufacturer's instructions. Any deviation from said codes, standards, and manufactures instructions will be the basis of a notice to correct from the Division of Fire Prevention & Control (DFPC) and may result in the suspension or revocation of the limited scope project permit for a period of time.

The work permitted under this permit is permitted only on behalf of the DFPC. This permit does not relieve the facility from any other state or local requirements for permits for said work. Please consult with your other state and local Building and Fire Departments for any requirements they might have. All work performed shall be submitted to local jurisdictions for concurrent permits and/or approval .

All work performed as part of a larger project subject to plan review shall be excluded from the provisions of the Limited Scope Project Permit and will be evaluated under the auspices of the other DFPC permits for the project. The intent of the Limited Scope Project Permit program is to limit the financial and time burdens of small routine maintenance and upgrade projects.

A log of all work performed under this permit shall be kept and provided upon request by a DFPC Inspector.

Facilities should keep in mind that the building codes adopted by DFPC provide for exemptions from permitting certain types of work. Section 105.2 of the International Building Code exempts many routine activities from requiring a permit. A copy of that exemption language is provided as Attachment A to this document.

Deficiencies & Corrections Identified During a DFPC Inspection:

- Substantial Deficiencies & Corrections which would require a permit under DFPC rules and are not covered under the auspices of a Limited Scope Permit, require a regular permit from DFPC.
- Deficiencies & corrections subject to limited scope requirements which exceed \$5,000.00 in combined value requires a valid Limited Scope Permit issued prior to starting work.
- Deficiencies & corrections subject to limited scope requirements which do not exceed \$5,000.00 in combined value are not required to apply for a limited scope permit to correct.

(In all cases the facility is still required to ensure a permit is not required by local jurisdiction(s).)

Projects Allowed Under the Limited Scope Permit:

The following work shall be permitted under a valid Limited Scope Permit:

General Construction:

Doors and Windows

- Replacement of existing doors and/or hardware, not including delayed egress, access control, or hardware which provides locking against egress.
- Installation of new non-fire rated doors and/or hardware not located in corridors.
- Installation of glazing in non-fire rated doors.
- Installation of new exterior windows greater than 10' away from an exit.
- Replacement of existing windows provided the fire resistance rating of the window or its associated wall is not diminished.
- Installation or alteration of egress alert systems which do not lock doors.
- Installation of magnetic hold open devices on doors not required by code to be self-closing or automatic closing.
- Replacement of existing doors with power operated doors and/or hardware.

Walls and Interior Finishes

- Installation of new interior finishes subject to code standards for the occupancy classification includes flooring, wall coverings, ceiling tiles or other decorative ceiling finishes.
- Penetrations and associated protection in existing fire and/or smoke resistive rated walls not to exceed 6" in diameter for each penetration for the purpose of installing plumbing, electrical, data or similar components.
- Installation of code permitted furniture, and/or wall mounted fixtures within a corridor.
- Installation of new non-load bearing walls (not in corridors or areas open to corridors) in accordance with the constraints of the current construction type, occupancy, exiting and other code requirements.
- Installation or relocation of non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5'-9" in height.

Walkways, Ramps, Stairs

- Installation or replacement of exterior walkways not exceeding 1:20 slope.
- Installation or replacement of convenience ramps not required by code for exit discharge.
- Installation or replacement of convenience stairs not required by code for exit discharge.

Auxiliary Buildings

- Installation or alteration of detached exterior open air structures, such as porte-cocheres, covered patios, porches, pergolas, gazebos, canopies, temporary tents or similar structures separated from the building and separated horizontally from other buildings by a distance as specified in Table 602 in the International Building Code.
- Construction or alteration of small (under 600 square feet) storage buildings, greenhouses or similar accessory structures not providing customary access to patients, residents, clients, or the public separated horizontally from other buildings by a distance as specified in Table 602 in the International Building Code.
- Installation of new playground or non-elevated patio or deck not within the exit discharge path.
- Installation of cell tower.
- Demolition or removal of portable modular units.

Roofs, Ceilings, and Supporting Structure

- Installation of recreational equipment (including therapy hooks) supported by the structure provided the installation is in compliance with the current construction type and occupancy classification of the building.
- Installation of a skylight greater than ten feet from a rated firewall.
- Installation of shop, vocational, or instructional equipment such as projectors, screens, portable shop equipment.

Fire Sprinkler Systems:

- Replacement, relocation or addition of 20 or fewer fire sprinkler heads on an existing system which (as determined and documented in the permit log files by a state registered sprinkler contractor) does not have an adverse affect on the integrity of the existing fire protection system, including the hydraulic design.

Fire Alarm Systems:

- Replacement, relocation or addition of 20 or fewer detection, initiation, and/or notification devices on an existing system which (as determined and documented in the permit log files by a fire alarm contractor) does not have an adverse affect on the integrity of the existing fire detection system, including the battery calculations.
- Installation of additional non-required fire alarm initiation or notification devices to an existing fire alarm system which would not cause the battery calculations to reflect loss of adequate battery power prior to the duration requirements of NFPA 72.
- Installation of Carbon Monoxide detection and warning equipment.

Kitchen Suppression Systems:

- Relocation of kitchen hood suppression system nozzles on an existing UL-300 suppression system to accommodate alterations or changes in kitchen cooking equipment.

Other Systems:

- Installation or the provision of cooking equipment subject to limited cooking provisions as permitted by code (shall not apply to any devices or cooking requiring a Type I hood in the International Mechanical Code.)
- Installation or replacement of lighting not required for emergency lighting or marking of the means of egress.
- Replacement or modification of an existing generator, transfer switches and electrical panels not required for providing power to required life safety systems or required by code for life safety.
- Replacement of existing heating or cooling equipment.
- Installation or modification of Photovoltaic systems (solar), Wind Turbines not involving stored energy systems contained within the confines of the building.
- Replacement of existing clinical equipment such as MRI, CT Scan, X-Ray, etc. in which the construction, functionality, and purpose of the room remains unchanged.
- Addition or relocation of medical gas outlets and reconfiguration of medical gas piping downstream from an existing zone valve box. Includes the installation of modular head wall assemblies within existing patient care areas.

This list of allowed Limited Scope Projects will be updated periodically based on request for consideration of additional projects to be added. Copies of the current projects allowed list will be posted on the DFPC Website at www.dfpc.state.co.us. Facilities may utilize this permit for any projects identified on the list in effect as of issuance of the permit or any subsequently published version of this list issued during the term of the Limited Scope Project Permit unless a letter of retraction is published by the Division. In the event of a retraction, a copy of the retraction will be sent to all holders of Limited Scope Project Permits with instructions on how to deal with any projects already completed or under construction subject to the retraction.

To Propose Projects to be Allowed Under the Limited Scope Project Permit:

To propose a project type to be allowed under the Limited Scope Project Permit send a request with the following information for consideration:

- The description of the project type and any constraints on scope of the project to limit its potential impact on the life safety features of the building or structure.
- Typical construction cost associated with the type of project.
- Detailed explanation of how the project present minimal risk to Life Safety until it can be evaluated by DFPC staff.

Such information should be addressed to:

Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control
Fire And Life Safety Section, Prevention Branch Chief
700 Kipling Street
Denver, CO 80215

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ATTACHMENT A

(2012 IBC Section 105.2 “Work Exempt From Permit”)

[A] 105.2 Work exempt from permit. Exemptions from 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. *Permits* shall not be required for the following:

Building:

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet (11 m²).
2. Fences not over 7 feet (2,134 mm) high.
3. Oil derricks.
4. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1,219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or IIIA liquids.
5. Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity is not greater than 5,000 gallons (18,925 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width is not greater than 2: 1.
6. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches (762 mm) above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or *story* below and are not part of an accessible *route*.
7. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
8. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
9. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep, are not greater than 5,000 gallons (18 925 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
10. Shade cloth structures constructed for nursery or agricultural purposes, not including service systems.
11. Swings and other playground equipment accessory to detached one- and two-family *dwellings*.
12. Window awnings in Group R-3 and U occupancies supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
13. Nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height.

Electrical:

Repairs and maintenance: Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical equipment to *approved* permanently installed receptacles.

Radio and television transmitting stations: The provisions of this code shall not apply to electrical equipment used for radio and television transmissions, but do apply to equipment and wiring for a power supply and the installations of towers and antennas.

Temporary testing systems: A *permit* shall not be required for the installation of any temporary system required for the testing or servicing of electrical equipment or apparatus.

Gas:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.

Mechanical:

1. Portable heating appliance.
2. Portable ventilation equipment.
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 its approval or make it unsafe.
6. Portable evaporative cooler.
7. Self-contained refrigeration system containing 10 pounds (5 kg) or less of refrigerant and actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.

Plumbing:

1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drain pipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a *permit* shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

[A] 105.2.1 Emergency repairs. Where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the *permit* application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the *building official*.

[A] 105.2.2 Repairs. Application or notice to the *building official* is not required for ordinary repairs to structures, replacement of lamps or the connection of *approved* portable electrical equipment to *approved* permanently installed receptacles. Such repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or load-bearing support, or the removal or change of any required *means of egress*, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include *addition* to, *alteration* of, replacement or relocation of any standpipe, water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety.

[A] 105.2.3 Public service agencies. A *permit* shall not be required for the installation, *alteration* or repair of generation, transmission, distribution or metering or other related equipment that is under the ownership and control of public service agencies by established right.