

Many Eagle homeowners will at one time or another want to do a remodel, addition or some other construction project on their property. Depending on the project, a Building Permit from the City of Eagle might be required. Here are some answers to commonly asked questions about permits.

### **What is a building permit?**

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications complying with the current code's minimum standards.

### **When do you need a permit?**

Never guess if you need a permit or not. The best way to find out if you need a permit for a construction project is to contact the City of Eagle Building Department. Discuss your plans with one of the code officials before beginning the project to determine whether or not you need a permit. If a permit is not required, we will still answer any construction questions and provide you with valuable advice.

### **Why get a permit?**

Your home or business is a major investment. If your construction project does not comply with the current codes adopted by the City of Eagle, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work completed without permits and inspections. And most importantly, SAFETY. The permit allows the code officials to protect the public through an inspection process to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare. By following these guidelines, the project will meet minimum standards for safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, or future owners.

### **How do I get a permit?**

You may talk with the Building Department staff or go to the Building Department's page on the [cityofeagle.org](http://cityofeagle.org) web site. The web site has all the applications, documents, check lists, fee estimators, etc that you will need to help you start your project. Being prepared will help you avoid any problems that could cost you time and money.

You will need to bring in your application and all required documentation and building plans for review. The plans will be checked for compliance of current code minimum standards. If there are any problems, the plan reviewer will either red-mark the issue on the plan or call to discuss solutions to help correct the problem.

### **What Happens after the Permit is Issued?**

Once the permit is issued, on-site inspections will be required by the code official to be sure the work is in compliance with the plans and the local code minimum safety standards.

After the work is completed, a FINAL inspection will be required and a final certificate will be issued insuring the work is in compliance.

It takes everyone in our community to keep our homes, schools and businesses safe. Never guess if you need a permit or not, always ask the City of Eagle's Building Department. Our mission is to provide quality service to the community to help keep them safe.