

**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE  
WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMITS  
(Including Grays Harbor County Code Amendments 15.04.030)**

**105.1 Permits Required.**

Except as specified in Section 105.2, any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing 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 permit.

**105.2 Work Exempt from Permit.**

- (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, and provided the structure complies with the building setback requirements set forth in Title 17 of this code governing zoning and Title 18 of this code governing critical area protection.
- (2) Fences not over 7 feet high.
- (3) Oil derricks.
- (4) Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet 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 does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2:1.
- (6) Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches 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 deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons 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 supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Group R-3 and U occupancies.
- (13) Non-fixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not over 5 feet, 9 inches in height.
- (14) Cargo containers, except any use of the container for purposes other than storage. The placement of the container shall comply with the building setback requirements set forth in Title 17 of this code governing zoning and the critical protection area requirements set forth in Title 18 of this code.
- (15) Freestanding signs less than six feet in height as measured from existing grade, provided that the structure complies with the building setback and use requirements set forth in Title 17 of this code governing zoning. Freestanding signs greater than six feet in height and all other signs not exempt pursuant to Title 17 shall require the issuance of a building permit and shall conform to the provisions of Section H105 in Appendix H of the IBC.
- (16) Fill and grade activities associated with forest practices and agriculture.

**Unless otherwise exempted, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items. 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 ordinance of this jurisdiction.**

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