**ATTENTION**

The building has been overwhelmed with enforcing projects being conducted without first obtaining a Building Permit as required by Town Ordinance as well as the State Building Code. The State of NH as well as The Town of Rindge has adopted the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2009 International Building Code (IBC – Commercial Building Code). A list of other adopted codes can be found on the State of NH, Department of Safety website as well as the Rindge Building Department website.

The Town of Rindge Building Department also has a fee of $275 for starting projects without first obtaining a Building Permit; in which the Building Department will be assessing for this violation. The exception for starting work without first obtaining a Building Permit is as follows:

- Communication between the contractor and/or property owner and the Rindge Building Inspector.
- Emergency Repair – Emergency work that is needed after hours of the Building Office (Nights and Weekends). In this case, a permit must be applied for the next business day of the Building Office.

Please contact the Rindge Building Office prior to starting your project to verify if a Building Permit is needed or not.

REQUIRED PERMITS

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 or other adopted codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the Building Official and obtain the required permit.

WORK EXEMPT FROM BUILDING PERMIT

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
2. Fences not over 6 feet high
3. 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.
4. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Sidewalks and driveways – A driveway permit is required from the Planning Department
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which don’t project more than 54 inches.