



## Inspections and Planning Department

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## Frequently Asked Questions – Building Permits

### **Can I do work on my own house without hiring a contractor and obtain permits as the homeowner?**

Yes, there are some types of work you are allowed to perform on your own home. A homeowner is basically allowed to perform any type of remodel or repair that does not include electrical, mechanical (heating and air) or gas. Electrical, mechanical and gas work is required to be done by a South Carolina state licensed contractor. You should obtain a permit for any work that requires a permit **before** starting the work. All permits require inspections.

### ***Caution: if a contractor asks you as the homeowner to obtain the permit, we advise that you do not.***

*Much of the time in that situation the contractor may not be properly insured or licensed and does not want to be responsible for his/her work. When you obtain the permit you are assuming the responsibility for the work being done. If you have any doubt about a contractors' license, please call 864-833-7517 or visit <https://verify.llronline.com/LicLookup/LookupMain.aspx>*

### **What are the requirements for Contractors to obtain permits and perform work in the City of Clinton?**

All contractors working inside City limits are required to have a City of Clinton Business License and depending on the type of work to be done, a State of South Carolina Contractors License. Please contact the Inspections and Planning Department at 864-833-7517 with any questions.

### **When does a building permit expire?**

Building permits are good for 6 months or 6 months from the date of the last approved inspection. If an inspection is never scheduled, the permit will automatically expire in 6 months. To keep your permit current you must have an approved inspection within 6 months.

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