

Frequently Asked Questions – Permitting

How can I find out if an address is in the City limits?

You would visit www.laurenscountygis.org and search the address you are trying to locate. If the plat number starts with a 901, it is inside the City of Clinton limits or you may call 864-833-7517 to speak to the Inspections and Planning Department.

When is a building permit required?

The following items require a permit:

- New houses or buildings
- Room additions or expansions
- Structural repairs, remodeling and alterations
- Accessory structures such as sheds, gazebos, decks, patio slabs, etc.
- Carports and detached garages
- Replacement of heating and air conditioning equipment
- Re-piping of water lines, replacement of sewer lines and replacement of water heaters
- Modifications to electrical service and wiring
- Installing gas lines
- Re-roofing, new siding, and replacement windows

This list is not all inclusive. Please call 864-833-7517 for additional information.

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 contractor's license, please call 864-833-7517 or visit www.llronline.com/liclookup.

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.

Where can I get a copy of the survey or plat of my property?

All deeds and surveys are recorded at the Laurens County Courthouse located at 100 Hillcrest Square, Laurens, SC 29360. Their phone number is 864-984-3538. You can also search and view property records online at www.laurenscountysc.org.

Do I need a Special Events permit?

A special events permit is needed for events taking place on city owned properties. You may find our special events permit application on our website. Please call 864-833-7517 for additional information.

Where do I get a scrap metal hauling permit or transportation of non-ferrous metals permit?

These permits are issued by the Laurens County Sheriff's office. Their phone number is 864-984-4967 and they are located at 216 W. Main St. Laurens, SC 29360.

How can I find out who maintains my street?

You may contact our Public Works Department at 864-833-7520. You may also visit <http://206.74.144.42/streetfinder/> for SCDOT street finder.