



## SAFETY CODE PERMITS

### What Are Safety Code Permits?

Safety code permits are issued approval of construction as required by the Safety Codes Act. Safety code permits ensure compliance through monitoring of the design, construction, addition, alteration, demolition or change in use of a building in accordance with the Alberta Building Code and other provincial and national codes.

Safety code permits include:

- Building permits
- Electrical permits
- Gas permits
- Plumbing permits
- Private sewage disposal permits

### When Are Safety Code Permits Required?

Safety code permits are required for most major construction projects. This may include new buildings, renovations, relocations, additions, demolitions or installation of utilities and services.

### When Are Safety Code Permits Not Required?

Safety code permits are not required for:

- Fences;
- Accessory buildings under 9.9m<sup>2</sup> (107 ft.<sup>2</sup>) without utilities or services;
- Decks with a walking surface less than 0.6m (2 ft.) in height; and
- Non-structural changes or minor alterations such as replacing shingles, windows and doors.

### What Is Required When Applying for Safety Code Permits?

Application requirements may change depending on the permit being applied for. However, the following items are required when applying for a building permit:

- Completed application
- New home warranty
- Foundation (basement) plan
- Floor plan
- Elevations
- Cross-section
- Application fee
- Approved development permit

Safety code permit applications can be found electronically on the Town of Ponoka website <http://www.ponoka.ca> or in person at the Town of Ponoka office.

### Is a Development Permit Different?

Yes, safety code permits deal with structural integrity and public safety. A safety code permit provides the review and inspection of structures, services and utilities for compliance with the Alberta Building Code and other Provincial and National codes by a safety codes officer.

Development permits are required for most new projects, changes in use or additions to existing structures. Development permits are to ensure the proposed development is compliant with the Town's Land Use Bylaw.

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