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Frequently Asked Question

Building permit requirements when altering a rough-opening

Do I need a building permit to alter a rough-opening?

Yes, the 2006 International Residential Code adopted by the City of Rapid City requires a building permit prior to making alterations to rough-openings.

What exactly is a rough-opening?

A rough-opening is the opening framed into a wall, floor or roof necessary to accommodate a door, a window or trim. The boundary of the rough opening is the header, trimmers, sill, and any other material added or removed from the header, trimmers, or sill; except shims necessary to level or plumb the door, window or trim. Essentially a rough opening is a hole framed in the structure to accommodate a window, door or trim.

How do I obtain a building permit to alter a rough-opening?

The City of Rapid City Development Services Division issues building permits for all types of construction. The permits can be obtained at the Second Floor, 300 6th Street Rapid City, South Dakota, or you can call ahead at 605-394-4157. Office hours are 7:30 to 4:00, Monday through Friday.

Can I obtain the permit the same day, or while I wait?

In most instances permits for alterations to dwellings are issued that day or while you wait. However, some applications are for work to be done in a historic district or some other type of district or zoning where administrative review is required. If an application requires additional review, then there can be up to a month or more for the project can be approved.

How much will a permit cost?

Permit costs are based on the cost of construction. If an alteration costs \$5,000, the permit cost would be about \$80.



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