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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of the Public Works Committee

FROM: Brett Limbaugh, Director

DATE: May 29, 2012

RE: Home Owner Roofing Permit Exemption.

Staff has been asked to revise the Residential Building Code (IRC) to exempt an owner of a single-family home from the building permit requirement when re-roofing their home. Section 15.13.060, R105.2 of the Rapid City Building Code lists work that is exempt from the building permit requirement. Staff has added a new paragraph in the exemptions list:

15. Replacement and repair of roofing shingles on a single-family detached unit including accessory structures on the same property provided the property owner is performing the work.

A copy of the IRC section is attached with the new paragraph highlighted in red. As proposed the revised language would eliminate the requirement for a single-family owner to obtain a building permit if they choose to perform the work themselves. This paragraph would not exempt a roofing contractor from the requirement to obtain a building permit.



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## SECTION R105 PERMITS

### 15.13.060 IRC, Chapter 1, Section R105.2, WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMIT – AMENDED

IRC, Chapter 1, Section R105.2, **WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMIT** is hereby amended to read as follows:

**R105.2 Work exempt from permit.** Permits shall not be required for the following. Exemption from the permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.

**Building:**

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
2. Fences not over 6 feet (1829 mm) high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) 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 (18.927 L) and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed 2 to 1.
5. Deck, platforms, walks, and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below.
6. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 18 inches deep, do not exceed 5,000 gallons (19,000 L) and are installed entirely above ground.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Replacement of siding and windows except for dwellings and accessory structures located in a designated historic district or if individually listed in National Register of Historic Places per SDCL 1-19-11.1.
11. Dumpsters.
12. Gutters, downspouts, and storm windows.
13. Window replacement - where the rough opening is not altered.
14. Structures or work performed on properties of the government of the United States of America, State of South Dakota, and County of Pennington.
15. Replacement and repair of roofing shingles on a single-family detached unit including accessory structures on the same property provided the property owner is performing the work.

Unless otherwise exempted, separate plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits will be required for the above exempted items.