Work Exempt from Building Permit

Permits shall not be required for the following. Exemption from 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.

1. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet (11.15 m²).
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. Sidewalks and driveways.
6. Painting, papering tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
7. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
8. Swings and other playground equipment.
9. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1,372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
10. Roof repair including complete replacement of roof coverings in association with one and two family dwellings and their accessory structures.
11. Siding repair or replacement when fire resistance is not reduced in association with one and two family dwellings and their accessory structures.
12. Shade structures such as gazebos and arbors when the roof covering will not provide weather protection and will not allow a snow load to develop.
13. Commercially available membrane structures, erected according to the manufacturer’s instructions, intended to provide weather protection for automobiles and recreational vehicles.
14. Buildings or structures used to facilitate construction projects. These buildings shall be removed from the property prior to the issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy.

These comments are based on the 2006 IMC and IFGC and are void upon adoption of a newer code.