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## **City of Wichita Falls Reminds Contractors and Residents of Building Permit Requirements**

Wichita Falls, Texas – With the recent increase in both residential and commercial construction projects across the city, the City of Wichita Falls wants to remind residents, property and business owners, as well as contractors that many construction projects require building permits *before work begins*. Obtaining building permits for projects allows for both an advanced compliance review of the proposed project, as well as professional inspections conducted by the city during and after the completion of the project. The permit and inspection processes are implemented in order to ensure the safety of the work, compliance with state and local adopted building and zoning codes and documentation, which is often a requirement of insurance companies and lending institutions. Individuals and contractors performing work without the required permits may face possible citations, fines of up to \$500 per day, and/or disciplinary action from their state licensing agency.

In most cases, cosmetic projects such as painting, flooring, and landscaping do not require city-issued permits. However, projects involving new construction, renovations of existing structures (including tenant space “finish outs”), a change in use, fences over six feet (6.0’) in height, electrical wiring, plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) systems, roofing, and irrigation systems likely require city-issued permits *before construction starts*. Additionally, projects that include electrical, HVAC, and/or plumbing work may require the use of individuals with proper State of Texas and City of Wichita Falls licenses to perform the work.

Residents, property and business owners, contractors, and design professionals with questions about the need for permits or anything else related to their construction project are encouraged to visit <http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/745/Building-Inspections>, call the City of Wichita Falls Building Inspections Division at (940) 761-7459, or email [alex.holtzen@wichitafallstx.gov](mailto:alex.holtzen@wichitafallstx.gov) to discuss project permitting requirements.

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