EXPRESS PERMITS
(No Plan Check Required)

Following are the lists of different types of construction for which an express permit can be issued. Express permits can be issued where work does not require any type of plan review or approval. These types of permits are issued from the Department's permitting counters located in the Metro, Van Nuys, West Los Angeles, San Pedro and South Los Angeles offices.

I. BUILDING

1. Window and door change-out (same size & type) for residential buildings.
2. Kitchen/bathroom remodel for residential buildings (no structural changes).
3. Re-stucco for single family dwellings and duplexes only.
4. Re-roof with Class A or B roof covering material weighing less than 6 pounds per sq. ft. over existing solid sheathing _____Squares. Class A roof covering is required within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). For residential roof replacement > 50% of the total roof area, apply Cool Roof Product labeled and certified by Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC). Cool Roof may be required for non-residential buildings per Title 24, Part 6, Section 149(b).
5. Re-roof with Class A or B roof covering material weighing less than 6 pounds per sq. ft. over new solid sheathing _____Squares. Class A roof covering is required within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). For residential roof replacement > 50% of the total roof area, apply Cool Roof Product labeled and certified by Cool Roof Rating Council (CRRC). Cool Roof may be required for non-residential buildings per Title 24, Part 6, Section 149(b).
6. Installation of security bars for dwellings/apartments. Quick release required in bedrooms per California Building Code Part 12, Chapter 12-3.
7. Christmas tree and pumpkin lots.
8. Wet Sandblasting (permit is required only in Fire District 1).
9. Complete work done under previously expired permit. (Minimum 75% percent completed as determined by inspection).
10. Change of ownership/contractor.
11. Add sill plate anchor bolts and plywood to cripple walls (if existing) per LA City Standard Plan #1; no foundation replacement (Earthquake hazard reduction per Chapter 92 of the Los Angeles Building Code). (Houses, residential buildings up to 3 stories and up to 4 units).
12. Add sill plate anchor bolts, add plywood to cripple walls (if existing), and replace foundation per L.A. City Standard Plan #1 (Earthquake hazard reduction per Chapter 92 of the Los Angeles Building Code). (Houses, residential buildings up to 3 stories and up to 4 units).
13. Chimney repair for residential buildings (per City standard details).
14. Replacement of damaged framing members (less than 10% of replacement cost of building) for houses and duplexes (not including decks).
15. Repair of water, dry-rot or termite damaged stairs in residential buildings (less than 10% of replacement cost of stairs). Handrails for Apartments, one and two-family dwellings require plan check.

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16. Water damage, termite damage or dry rot repair less than 10% of replacement cost of residential buildings.
17. Fire damage repair for residential buildings only (maximum 10% of replacement cost of building).
18. Replace existing pre-fabricated fireplace with the same size and in the same location. Installation shall be as per manufacturer's recommendations. An HVAC permit is required.
19. Re-plaster existing swimming pool (a separate express mechanical permit for new skimmer(s) and a separate express electrical permit for new pool luminaire is required, when applicable, except for one and two-family dwellings).
20. (Vinyl) (Wood)(Fiber Cement) (others:) siding over solid sheathing with an approved water-resistive barrier, per valid ICC Evaluation Report # _____ on exterior walls at 5 feet or more from property lines for residential buildings. (Applicant to provide a copy of the report to inspector).
21. Replace existing siding with new stucco for single family dwellings and duplex only.
22. Replace drywall (no new walls added) for single family dwellings and duplexes only.
23. Remove existing roof tiles, apply new underlayment and reset roof tiles (Cool roof compliance is not required)

II HVAC

1. Comfort heating and comfort cooling [air conditioning units (A/C)] installations where the aggregate Btu/h input is less than 500,000 Btu/h (approximately 41 tons).
2. Environmental ventilation in buildings with aggregate capacity of comfort heating or comfort cooling of less than 500,000 Btu/hr (approximately 41 tons).
3. Witness test.
4. Refrigeration systems with Group A1 refrigerants with aggregate combined compressor horsepower of less than 100.
5. Gas heaters (unit and wall heaters) and gas furnaces (including forced air units) less than 500,000 Btu/h.
6. Replacing A/C units with same size & type.
7. Duct work alteration or addition in buildings that do not have smoke control system.
8. Relocation of A/C units within the same building.
9. Relocation of fans for environmental ventilation within the same building.
10. Addition of air conditioning equipment having a rating of 5 tons or less.
11. Addition of general ventilation exhaust fans having a rating of 2000 cfm or less.
12. Installation or replacing prefabricated fire places (New installation requires building plan check).

III PLUMBING

1. Non Engineered domestic water systems with 1 ½" or less water service.
2. Replacing plumbing fixtures.
3. Adding plumbing fixtures.
4. Replacing underground water pipes with the same size and material. The existing pipe must remain in place, uncovered, until verified by LADBS field inspector.
5. Backflow prevention device in water mains 1 ½" or less in diameter.
6. Sewer cap.
7. Sewer connection permit (provide the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, permit number).
8. Sewer alteration, repair or replacement.

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9. Low pressure gas piping systems with up to 10 outlets.
10. Replacing water heaters.
11. Adding earthquake valves same size as existing gas main.
12. Replacing lawn sprinklers control valves with AVB (Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker) in hillside areas with the same size.
13. Installing or replacing lawn sprinklers control valves with AVB (Atmospheric Vacuum Breaker) in non-hillside areas.

IV FIRE PROTECTION

1. Welding permit.
2. Pump test.
3. Standpipe flushing.
4. Replacing underground fire sprinkler piping (same size or larger).
5. Adding or replacing valves.
6. Relocating fire sprinklers.
7. Replacing fire sprinklers (same size and type).
8. Lowering sprinkler heads.

V ELECTRICAL

These electrical installation permits apply only to non-engineered wiring.

1. Electrical installation with voltage of less than 600 volts and up to 400 amps total load in existing office, retail and residential buildings only.
2. Rewiring or adding devices to existing electrical circuits for receptacles, telephone and communication outlets.
3. Temporary Power Pole for less than 600 volts and up to 400 amps of load.
4. Swimming pool wiring and luminaire.
5. New Telephone and computer wiring - voice and data.
6. Special (equipment) inspection for less than 600 volts and up to 400 amps load and 60 cycles.
7. Electrical wiring for movie set location.
8. Meter re-connection.
9. Repair of damaged wiring (Miscellaneous permit).
10. Device addition to existing addressable Fire alarm systems per approved Plans by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department.
11. Electrical wiring for special events (carnivals, trade shows) for less than 600 volts and less than 401 amps load.
12. Smoke detectors within apartment units, houses and duplexes and other residential units.
13. Carbon monoxide detectors within apartment units, houses and duplexes and other residential units.
14. Electrical installation for electric vehicle charging in single family dwellings and commercial buildings with up to 400 amps of service. (Including any needed charging equipment, service upgrade, receptacle and associated wiring)
15. Photovoltaic systems **(Available online for Contractors only)**: Installations meeting the following criteria are issued only online at http://www.LADBS.org and the installation shall meet the approved plans generated through the online system:
    a. A rooftop system on a one- or two-family dwelling.
    b. The total capacity of the photovoltaic system being installed is 10 kW or less.

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c. No GFCI or AFCI overcurrent devices are installed in the alternating current (AC) output of the inverter.
d. AC Power system shall be 120/240 volts single phase.
e. The rating of the service panel shall not exceed 225 amperes.
f. Central/String inverter systems with a maximum of two inverters with up to four strings and one combiner box per inverter.
g. Microinverter systems having up to four branch circuits.

VI ELEVATOR/PRESURE VESSEL

1. Elevators (repair).
2. Pressure vessels, tanks and boilers.
3. Automotive hoist.
4. Air tanks (compressors).
5. Liquid propane gas (LPG) tanks.

VII OTHER TYPE OF PERMITS

1. Extra Inspection trip.
2. Address change on mechanical & electrical permits.
3. Transfer of permit.

Additional information regarding permits and requirements may be obtained from LADBS website at *www.ladbs.org* or by visiting one of our offices.

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