



## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR WORK REQUIRING BUILDING PERMITS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS \*

- New Construction, additions and alterations
- Sheds greater than 144 sq. ft.
- Structural repairs
- Legalization of third floor and other spaces
- Parking lots
- Fire damage repairs
- Change of Use
- Demolitions
- Home occupations
- Decks over 18" above grade

### ELECTRICAL

- Replacement, repair or alteration to electrical service including: Service panel, service meter, riser cable or disconnect.
- New interior & exterior wiring
- Extension of existing circuit or addition of fixtures and outlets

### PLUMBING

- Replacement, repair or alteration to: Water service, sewer drain, waste, vent or interior water lines
- New installations & replacement hot water tanks which are not in like kind replacement
- Installation of new plumbing fixtures
- Back flow device installations

### APPLIANCES\*

- New installations & replacement of Heating, Ventilation or Air Conditioning System (HVAC), which are not in, like kind replacement.

### FENCING\*

- New fencing or repair to existing if more than 50% is being replaced and fence is legal by permit.

### ROOFING\* (NOTE: New permit requirements to take effect January 1, 2013)

- Complete tear offs on structures containing conditioned space - see note above
- Replacement or repair of structural framing
- Change in roofing type (asphalt to metal) – see note above
- Installation of additional roof layer covering more than 50% of the roof area – see note above

### PORCHES\*

- Any alterations or replacement of a structural component including but not limited to: Framing, columns or foundations.

### STAIRS, GUARDS & HANDRAILS\*

- New or replacement steps, guards & handrails if more than 50% of a component is replaced.

### WINDOWS AND DOORS\*

- New installation
- Increasing or decreasing overall size or dimension
- Addition or removal of a window or door

\* When a property is located in a Preservation District or is a Designated Building of Historic Value, a Certificate of Appropriateness may be required. Although this list is as comprehensive as possible, it is not intended to be all-inclusive. If you have a question as to whether or not a permit is required, please call the City of Rochester Permit Office at (585)428-6526.