

When do you need a permit?

Driveway Entrance Permit

Before any construction, alteration, relocation or change of use of a driveway entrance from private property onto a town owned public way may take place, the owner or contractor shall file a driveway entrance application form, and receive a Driveway Entrance Permit from the Road Commissioner.

Temporary Driveway Entrances: Applicants for temporary driveway entrances must still file an application as outlined in this Ordinance. Used culverts may be used for temporary driveway entrances. Property owners are responsible to ensure that any dirt, mud or debris tracked onto a Town way from a temporary driveway entrance is cleared immediately. The temporary driveway entrance must be removed within thirty (30) days from the removal date listed on the permit.

Building Permit

“A Building Permit is required from the Town of Fryeburg prior to constructing, erecting, placing, moving, or altering a structure when the value is in excess of \$1000.” (Land Use Ordinance Section 2.C)

Please note that the necessity for a building permit is based on the value of the proposed structure, rather than the cost of materials.

A permit is not required for cosmetic or decorative changes to existing structures, such as re-siding, painting, replacing trim, or the replacement of windows or doors. If you are unsure if your project will require a permit, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer.

Plumbing Permit

A plumbing permit is required for the following activities:

- The installation or replacement of all water distribution and drainage pipes, hot water storage tanks, and hot water heaters.
- The installation of all new faucets, valves, and plumbing backflow preventers.

Floodplain

If your property is in the mapped flood zone then a permit is required for any construction or development. Development is defined as any man made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, or storage of equipment or materials. There are different levels of permits so please see the Code Enforcement Officer for the correct application.

Land Use Authorization

Refer to Section 5.B of the Land Use Ordinance to determine if your proposed project is permitted in the applicable zoning district and whether the proposal requires Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board Authorization. You are encouraged to discuss all projects with the Code Enforcement Officer to ensure that you abide by all regulations.

Other

Other state regulations might apply to your project including but not limited to:

- MDOT- Driveway Entrance Permits required for access onto Rt. 5, Rt. 113, Rt. 302, Fish St, and Harbor Rd.
- Department of Public Safety- Construction permits are required for new construction and renovation work affecting fire safety elements of public buildings.
- DEP- Regulates work within and adjacent to wetlands and waterbodies. Different permits are required based on the specific activity.