

City of Sandwich
Residential permits
815-786-8802

The City of Sandwich requires permits for new construction as well as remodeling or enlarging an existing building. Permits are also required for other property improvements, such as the installation of decks, patios, fences, decks and pools. Cosmetic improvements, such as painting, wallpapering, carpeting, and trim work do not require permits. A homeowner may perform most ordinary repairs and limited types of construction, as specified, on their dwelling unit without a permit. Projects that require a permit from the City of Sandwich include, but are not limited to:

Construction of a building or structure, including main buildings and accessory structures (sheds, gazebos, decks, porches, carports, garages, patios)

Structural repairs or modifications, including foundation repairs and roof sheathing

Additions to a building

Generators

Remodeling of a building which may require the removal, addition, or replacement of walls (kitchen, basement, and bathroom remodel projects)

Building or replacing a deck.

New homes

Excavation and/ or working in city right of way

Electrical work (Repair work, such as replacing switches, receptacles, plugs and ballasts are exempt)

Plumbing work (Repair work such as exchange of washers and faucets is exempt.)

Replacing water or sewer service lines

Irrigation systems (lawn sprinklers)

Building or replacing a fence or retaining walls

Replacing roof or wall sheathing, removal of EIFS applications or any structural changes

Installing or replacing a driveway or driveway approach (the portion of the drive connecting to the street)

Building an in-ground pool or installing an above-ground pool

Installing a spa

Basement remodeling

Demolition of a building