

Do I Need A Permit?

Construction or alterations to structures or property in the City of Forest Hills may require a Permit.

Always call the City of Forest Hills if you are not sure if the house is located in Forest Hills, or if you need a permit. You can obtain a permit application at the City of Forest Hills office, which is located at 4012 Hillsboro Road.

Projects Requiring a Permit

Permits are required for the projects listed below.

- New residential construction
- Building additions
- Building remodeling (please call...several conditions may or may not apply)
- Structural alterations
- Swimming pools
- Accessory Apartments or Pool Houses
- Fences
- Gates; Gatehouses; Entranceways
- Steeples/Architectural Features
- Decks/porches
- Attached or detached garages
- Sheds, storage buildings or other accessory buildings
- Retaining walls
- Signs-----only available to developers
- Demolition of a structure----call office-additional requirements may apply
- Transportation / moving any structure, on any street within Forest Hills
- Impervious Surfaces: driveways, patios, sidewalks
- Excavation / Land Disturbance
- Street Cut
- Roof: replacement or alteration
- Temporary buildings: construction office, dumpster, port-a-potty

If you are planning an improvement to your property, you need to check with your local homeowner's association and/or architectural control committee for Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&R). CC&R are private controls that run with the land; you should have been given a copy these when you bought your property. CC&R can control the size and location of buildings, their architectural style, and even the color of the paint. While the City of Forest Hills cannot enforce CC&R, your neighbors can. Please check your CC&R before embarking on a project that changes the exterior of your home or yard.