

## Search Guide

# Suggested Keywords for Most Common Permit Work Types

Below you will find some of the most common work types and what they include. You can use the bold terms for your keyword search. To learn more about permits, see our [applications page](#).

## Additions and New Construction

- **Rear Yard Addition**
  - Includes construction of a rear yard addition and reconstruction of an existing addition
  - Applies to occupiable and non-occupiable additions
- **Rooftop Addition**
  - Includes construction of a rooftop addition and reconstruction of an existing addition
  - Applies to occupiable and non-occupiable additions, including enclosed bulkheads, unenclosed decks, pergolas, trellises
- **Side Yard Addition**
  - Includes construction of a side yard addition and reconstruction of an existing addition
  - Applies to detached and semi-detached houses and unenclosed decks
- **New Building**
  - Includes any construction of a new building

## Awnings

- Includes installation of new awnings on residential windows, doors, porches and terraces
- Includes installation of new awnings on storefronts or commercial buildings

## Barrier-free access (ADA)

- Includes installation, alteration, or removal of ramps, handrails, lifts
- Modification or replacement of doors with provisions for widening, altering operation and configuration, and changing material as required

## **Excavations**

- Includes excavation work

## **Fire Escape**

- Includes installation, alteration, or removal of fire escapes

## **Flood-related installations**

- Includes installation of flood shields, barriers and other resiliency measures

## **HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Equipment)**

- Includes the following types of installations:
  - Rear/Side yard, Areaway
  - Roof
  - Through-wall
  - Through-window
  - Wall mounted split-system
  - Wall mounted ducts/flues
- Applies to chimney alterations and flue extensions

## **Interior Alterations**

- Applies to designated Interior Landmarks, Individual Landmarks and historic district buildings
- Includes alteration or demolition of interior spaces and interior structural work

## **Lighting**

- Includes installation of new fixtures and replacement of lighting on commercial and residential buildings

## **Restoration and Other Façade Work**

- Includes the following types of work
  - Local Law 11 façade work
  - Major exterior repairs
  - Minor exterior repairs on primary facades or secondary facades
  - Painting, coating, cleaning

- Recreation of missing architectural features (e.g. cornice)
- Repair or resurfacing of masonry stoops, handrails, fences and walls
- Roof repair and rehabilitation
- Roof work

### **Security camera**

- Includes installation or replacement of security cameras

### **Sidewalks**

- Includes repair and replacement of sidewalks
- Vault lights and covers (installation, replacement or removal)
- Sidewalk canopy installation for sidewalk cafes
- New unenclosed sidewalk café

### **Signage**

- Applies to advertising signs, illuminated and non-illuminated business signs and includes:
  - Replacement of a billboard or painted wall sign
  - Replacement of display windows, sign band
  - Modification/changing wording
  - Installation of flagpole and banner
  - Installation of new fixtures to illuminate existing sign
  - Installation of plaques

### **Sitework**

- Includes yard and areaway paving, street paving, fences and gates, bed work
- Construction of a patio, retaining wall, berm, in-ground pool or other landscape feature
- Repair, reconstruction, or minor alterations to fence, wall, landscape feature or existing structure

### **Solar**

- Include installation of solar panels and related renewable energy equipment

### **Storefronts**

- Includes installation of new storefronts and alterations to existing storefronts including display windows, windows, doors, lighting, signage, and security gates

### **Telecommunications equipment**

- Includes installation of telecommunications equipment and conventional television antennas

### **Temporary Installations**

- Includes artwork, banners, kiosks, signs, construction-related work or other

### **Windows and Doors**

- Includes repair or replacement of windows on primary and secondary facades
- Installation of new window openings on primary and secondary facades
- Installation of new door openings
- Replacement or modification of doors