Frequently Asked Questions

Unincorporated Kendall County requires a Building Permit for structures and upgrades as listed below.

**A Building Permit IS Required for:**

- Homes
- Additions
- Remodeling
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Accessory Buildings
- Sheds
- Garages
- Decks
- Pools
- Patios  (R5, R6 & R7 zoning only)
- Driveway
- Change of Occupancy
- Moving or raising a structure
- Communication Towers
- Signs
- Demolitions

**You DO NOT need a Permit for:**

**Fence** – but there are guidelines for all fences. Please see Zoning Section 4.14 General Provisions for guidelines. Important – No fence can be located in an easement. Easements are only found on a Plat of Survey. The Building Department does not have Plats of Survey. Contact your Title Company, Real Estate Attorney or refer to your closing documents. If you cannot locate your Plat of Survey, you will need to contact a Surveyor to have one done.

**Roofing - Shingle Replacement** - If you are changing the pitch, structure, trusses, roofline or the integrity of the structure, you will need a Building Permit. If you are re-roofing or replacing shingles, a Building Permit is not needed.

**Windows** – If you are replacing the windows or doors and are not changing the integrity or size of the framing, you will not need a permit. If you are changing the integrity or size, you will need a Building Permit.

**Siding** – If you are re-siding and not changing the structural integrity, then you will not need a Building Permit.

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