

## Frequently Asked Questions:

1) When do I need a Building Permit?

A. Before engaging in any building activity that involves structural remodeling changes or improvements to your home, any new home, outbuildings, or deck. Commercial or Industrial remodeling or any new construction would require permits.

2) What activities are exempt from permitting?

A. Any non-structural, home or property maintenance. Such as re-shingling, siding, painting, floor coverings, or changing plumbing fixtures.

3) How do I get a Building Permit?

A. Stop in at the City Office building during normal business hours on any weekday and pick up an application. Fill out the information completely. Include a cost estimate for the project. Draw a scaled sketch of the proposed building activity, (or turn in your blueprints), and show the required setbacks from property lines for your project. Turn it back in to the Building Inspector for review.

4) What is the Property Maintenance Code?

A. It is a code standard for minimum maintenance requirements for Existing Buildings & Properties.

5) What is a Correction Order?

A. It is a "Fix-It-Ticket" for some aspect of your property that does not meet the minimum code standards for property within the City of David City's Jurisdiction.

6) What if my property has been condemned?

A. Condemnation may occur when a property owner fails to meet the standards set forth in an official Correction Order. A property owner will have 60 days to remediate a serious safety violation or Nuisance Property violation. Removal of a structure by demolition is one option. Selling a property to another owner who then immediately takes out a building permit to repair the property is another option. Any repairs or demolition must take place within 60 days of the property being posted as condemned.

7) Can I store things that I am saving or that I have collected on my property?

A. City Ordinance prohibits residentially zoned properties from becoming Commercial Storage premises. This is considered zoning violation. Items that would not generally be considered "ornamental or decorative", should be stored indoors. If items are considered "useful" please store them away indoors when not in use. Indoor furniture or appliances can attract and harbor vermin if left outdoors, and they are not allowed to be stored on the exterior of any premises.

B. Exceptions to this ordinance are:

I. Outdoor cooking equipment, in safe, working order.

II. Outdoor playground equipment in safe condition and properly anchored.

III. Appropriately designed outdoor furniture with built-in weather proofing qualities.

8) What Building Codes apply to my permitted project?

A. Currently the City of David City is using the 2012 International Building Codes.