

FLOOD DAMAGE:

WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?

- Any modification of floor plan or structural aspect
- A remodel permit is required when replacing more than (1) **ENTIRE** wall of sheet rock; essentially the “gutting” of a structure
- Structures with flood water levels above the level of the lowest wall receptacle will be required to obtain an electrical permit to replace those devices
- Structures which had a flood water level above the level of the meter will need a licensed electrician to obtain an electrical permit to assess damages and/or replace components
- Changing out or relocating a hot water heater
- Changing out an air conditioning unit or components (excluding window units)
- Gas line work/repairs
- Sewer line work/repairs
- All other work that would normally be permitted

WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING

- Painting
- Floor Coverings such as carpet or tile
- Repair/replace sheet rock or paneling in not more than (1) **ENTIRE** wall provided the wall is not a rated assembly or part of the means of egress.
- Minor nonstructural repairs non-safety related.
- Installation of vinyl or aluminum siding.

Note: A permit may be required if work exceeds the above minimums, or if the plan analyst determines one is needed.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

On August 22, 2016 the Metro Council approved the following:

- Waiving the provisions of the noise ordinance, Title 12, Chapter 2, Section 12:101(9) so as to allow construction work in or adjacent to a residential area from 5:00 a.m. until sunset on weekdays and weekends for a period of 90 days.
- Waiving and suspending enforcement of certain provisions of the Code of and the Unified Development Code of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge regarding temporary housing, parking of motor homes on residential streets, parking in the grass, and single-family occupancy of dwellings for a limited period of time in response to the emergency created by the historic flooding in order to preserve the public peace, health and safety as authorized by Section 2.12 of the Plan of Government and Title 1, Chapter 1, Part 1, Section 1:3(d) of the Code of Ordinances.
- Amending Ordinance 11136 Adopted April 22, 1998 and Ordinance 11362 Adopted August 24, 2005 so as to waive permit fees on property damaged during the 2016 flood.