

WHAT IS THE PUPOSE OF A BUILDING BYLAW

The Purpose of the Building bylaw is to provide for the administration and enforcement of *The Construction Codes Act, The Building Code Regulations, The National Building Code of Canada for Buildings*, ministerial interpretations and Saskatchewan Construction Standards Appeal Board orders and building official orders within the local authority.

WHAT CHANGES OCCURRED JANUARY 1ST 2022?

The *Construction Codes Act* (the CCA) came into force on January 1st, 2022 and repealed and replaced *The Uniform building and Accessibilities Standards Act* as the legislation which governs construction standards in Saskatchewan. Municipalities have always been responsible for administering and enforcing building and energy codes for buildings in their jurisdiction however, in the old Act farm residences were included in the definition of farm buildings and therefore exempt from these codes. Under the new CCA farm buildings are still exempt but residences are no longer considered a farm building and therefore these standards will apply to all new builds and major structural renovations the occur to any farm residences after January 1st 2022. Municipalities were given a certain period of time to adopt their own bylaw otherwise those that did not have a valid building bylaw by the deadline would be subject to the model building set out in *The Building Code Regulations*.

WHAT TYPES OF BUILDING PROJECTS REQUIRE A PERMIT?

- Construction of a new home or major renovations/additions to an existing house
- RTM's or other types of houses being moved onto a property
- Any type of Commercial Building

WHAT TYPES OF BUILDINGS ARE EXEMPT FROM REQUIRING A PERMIT?

- Farm buildings used as follows:
 - For the housing of livestock
 - For the production , storage or processing of primary agricultural crops and feeds
 - For the storage and maintenance of equipment or machinery associated with on agricultural operation

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A BUILDING PERMIT?

In order to apply for a building permit you will need to complete a building permit application. Application forms are available from the website or from the RM office. Some of the information required on the application includes:

- Applicant name and address
- What you are applying for as well as a description of the existing use of the land/buildings
- Legal Land description
- Estimated starting and completion dates

- Site and building drawings including dimensions and land features
- Technical reports or studies may be requested depending on the type and location of the proposed development.

WHAT DOES IT COST FOR A BUILDING PERMIT?

Minimum Fee \$200.00
(this refers to small construction jobs)

Construction\$3.55/\$1000.00
(all-inclusive fee includes consultations, meetings, technical interpretations, plan examinations, site inspections, reporting, mileage)

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR MY BUILDING PERMIT TO BE APPROVED?

The length of time it will take for your permit to be reviewed and approved will depend on the complexity of your project. To be safe you should apply for your building permit as soon as you have all the information required and you know when your project will begin. The building officials recommend submitting your application a minimum of 21 days before construction is scheduled to start, however turnaround times can be quicker. Ensuring that your application is complete and includes both building and site drawings will help ensure a quicker approval timeframe.

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FARM BUILDINGS

“Farm Building” means, subject to the regulation, a building that:

- Does not contain a residential occupancy
- Is located on land used for an agricultural operation as defined in The Agricultural Operation Act
- Is used for the following purposes:
 - The housing of livestock
 - The production, storage or processing of primary agricultural and horticultural crops or feeds
 - The housing, storage or maintenance of equipment or machinery associated with an agricultural operation
 - Any other prescribed purpose