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## **General Information on Building for Homeowners & Contractors**

The following information will answer the most commonly asked questions.

### **Registration, Credential & License**

The city of Hudson does not require any local contractor registration, credential, or license. The state of Wisconsin may require that anyone performing work within the construction industry to have Wisconsin registration, credential, and/or license. However, these requirements do not apply to homeowners working on property they own and occupy. You can obtain or check on the status of a state issued registration, credential, and/or license by visiting <http://dsps.wi.gov/licenses-permits/credentialing/trade-professions> or calling 608-266-2112. Below are the most common types required:

#### **Contractor Type**

***One- or Two-Family Home Builders,  
Remodelers, & Garage Builders***

***Commercial General Contractor  
(includes three or more residential unit buildings)***

***HVAC Contractor***

***Plumbing Contractor\****

***Electrical Contractor\*\****

***Subcontractors/Other Construction Businesses***

***Elevator/Fire Sprinkler/Tank Installers***

#### **Required Registration/Credential/License**

Dwelling Contractor Certification and  
Dwelling Contractor Qualifier Certification

Nothing required at this time

HVAC Contractor Registration

Master Plumber License

Electrical Contractor Certification and  
WI Master Electrician

Nothing required at this time

Contact Department of Safety &  
Professional Services

\*All individuals performing plumbing work shall be licensed as a Journeyman Plumber or Plumber Apprentice and work under the supervision of a Master Plumber.

\*\* All electricians working in Wisconsin are required to have an individual WI electrician's license. All individuals performing electrical work shall be licensed as a Journeyman Electrician, Electrician Apprentice, or Beginning Electrician and work under the supervision of a Master Electrician.

## **One or Two Family - New Construction**

The state of Wisconsin requires that all new construction building permit applications be submitted through the state at <https://verification.dsps.wi.gov/buildingpermit/application/Directions.aspx> and include the following information:

1. House Plan, including a wall bracing and HVAC plan
2. Site Plan
3. Heat Loss Calculations using Rescheck 4.2.2 or newer - available at [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov)
4. Erosion Control Worksheet – available at <http://dsps.wi.gov>

## **Wisconsin Codes**

Copies of all current state of Wisconsin building codes can be found at <http://dsps.wi.gov> or call Document Sales at (800) 362-7253 or (608) 266-3358.

The following are some of the current codes that pertain to building construction in Wisconsin:

Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations – [SPS 305](#)

One- or Two-Family – Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code - [SPS 320-325](#)

Commercial – Wisconsin adoption and amendments of the International Building, Mechanical, Energy Conservation, and Existing Building Codes – [SPS 361-366](#)

Fire Prevention – [SPS 314](#)

Plumbing – Wisconsin Plumbing – [SPS 382](#)

Electrical – Wisconsin adoption and amendments of the National Electrical Code - [SPS 316](#)

## **Site Plans**

Any project that consists of new construction or changes the footprint of an existing structure, including decks, additions, and accessory buildings, will require a site plan to be submitted with the application. Site plans must be to scale and accurately indicate the structure with dimensions and distance to the property lines.

## **Property Lines**

The city of Hudson Community Development Department does not have a land surveyor on staff but can assist in determining property dimensions only. Locating property lines and property corners are the responsibility of the property owner. Iron property corner monuments may be in place but are typically 4-6 inches below the surface; renting a metal detector is often necessary to locate these monuments. In some instances, it may be necessary to hire a surveyor to identify the property lines.

## **Roofing, Windows/Doors, Siding Replacement**

Currently the city of Hudson does not require building permits or inspections for roofing, windows/doors (same size), or siding replacement projects. All state, national, and/or manufacturer's installation requirements must still be followed.