

FAQ'S for Building Inspector

1. What is the importance of a building inspector?
 - To make sure a building is up to code with the State of Georgia.
 - Checks for electrical wiring, if plumbing is correct, and look for other possible faults in a building.
 - Overall, looks out for the safety of the home owner, and the business owner.
2. Can I install my own electrical, plumbing, and heating and air?
 - Yes, if you are building a house for yourself, then you have the choice to do so.
3. What is the cost of a building permit?
 - For the first 1500 square feet of a house is \$295.00.
 - For every foot over 1500 square feet is 8 cents per square foot.
4. What are the property setbacks?
 - For any residential structure has to be 30 feet from all property lines.
 - For a commercial building it can be 10 feet from the property line.
5. What are the setbacks for signs?
 - Signs must be 2 feet away from the right of way.
6. If I would like to get a new 911 address post, then how much would it cost?
 - It will be \$16.50 for a new post.
7. Can I dump grease?
 - No, it is unlawful to dump in unincorporated areas in the county.
8. What building permits do I need?
 - If you are building a residential building, then you would need a Residential building permit, an electrical permit, a plumbing permit, and a HVAC permit.
 - For a commercial building, you need a commercial permit instead of a residential permit.
9. Do I need a permit for building a mobile home?
 - Yes, a manufactured home permit is needed.
10. Can I relocate a mobile home?
 - Yes, an inspection for the home must be done, and a manufactured home moving permit is needed.
11. Where can I schedule an inspector to inspect my building?
 - The building inspection office at 150 Hudson Ridge Suite 4 Homer, GA 305477.
 - Or call (706) 677-4272.
12. Do I need a permit to build a swimming pool?
 - Yes, the inspector will also come out to inspect plumbing pressure, electrical bonding, and a final inspection of the pool with fence and locking gate.
13. What is the cost for Manufactured homes permits?

- For a width of up to 14 feet, its \$150.
 - For anything over 14 feet and up to 28 feet, its \$190.
 - Anything larger than that is \$295.
14. What are the fees for a swimming pool permit?
- Above ground pools are \$50.
 - In-ground pools are \$100.
- *Applies to electrical hookup pools only.**
15. What are the Cell Tower permit fees?
- For the building of a tower it's \$3,000.
 - To add-on a tower it's \$1,000.
16. If I want power connected to my new house, then how much will it cost?
- To get power to a new house an electrical permit is required, and will cost \$75.
17. Do I need a permit for building a commercial building?
- Yes, a list of requirements will need to be completed throughout construction of the building.
18. What will the inspector look at during his inspection for a commercial building?
- The first inspection will be for the footers.
 - The following inspection will be for plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and slabs.
 - Framing of plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and gas piping will be inspected afterward.
 - An inspection of the insulation will be done.
 - The final inspection will be over all the plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and electrical fixtures.
19. Do I need a permit to add an addition to my house?
- Yes, a Residential Addition permit will be required.
20. What will be the procedures for inspection on the addition?
- Inspection on additions will be identical to residential inspections.