

Congratulations. Your improvements will help to make Rochester a better place to live, and the City's Permit Office is here to help ensure that your project goes smoothly. This brochure is intended to give you a general overview of what you need to obtain a permit. Some applications may require more in-depth analysis. You can come in and talk to our City Planning and Zoning staff during business hours at **City Hall, 30 Church St., Room 121B,** or reach them at **585-428-6526.**

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Department of Neighborhood
and Business Development
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Obtaining a **New Addition** Permit

How to
**Make the
Process Go
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1 Apply for a Permit:

- Provide the name, address and phone number of the property owner, the permit applicant and, if applicable, the contractor and/or plan preparer.
- Provide a project description including the square footage of habitable floor area in your project.
- If the contractor is a homeowner or individual contractor without Workers' Compensation Insurance, a Workers' Compensation waiver must be submitted. www.wcb.state.ny.us
- If the contractor has employees, a Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance, naming the City of Rochester as the certificate holder, is required.

You can obtain these forms at the Permit Office and at www.cityofrochester.gov, type "building permits" in the search box.

2 Follow Through with Application Requirements:

- Ensure that all necessary inspections are performed.
- Ensure that all work is performed as per the plans submitted with the permit application; and that no damage or encroachment occurs to adjacent property during construction.
- If new walls are to be built: foundation, framing, insulation and final inspections are required.

3 Supply Additional Submissions:

You must also include two (2) copies each of:

- An Instrument Survey Map of the property.
- Floor plans, drawn to scale, showing any alterations to existing building(s), room sizes, ceiling heights, stair dimensions and window type, size and locations.
- Construction drawings may need to be signed and sealed by a design professional licensed in the State of New York.

4 Pay the Required Fees:

The fee for your permit is based on the contractor's written cost estimate including labor and materials. A Certificate of Occupancy fee may also be required. Do not include electrical and plumbing costs in your estimate.

Cost Estimate	Permit Fee
\$0 – 2,000	\$50.00
\$2,001 – 4,000	\$70.00
\$4,001 – 6,000	\$90.00
\$6,001 – 8,000	\$110.00
\$8,001 – 10,000	\$130.00
\$10,001 – 12,000	\$150.00
\$12,001 – 14,000	\$170.00
\$14,001 – 16,000	\$190.00
\$16,001 – 18,000	\$210.00
\$18,001 – 20,000	\$230.00

*Partial fee schedule shown

If cost estimate is greater than \$20,000, please call **428-6526**.

Helpful Information:

- Electrical & plumbing work require separate permits.
- The City requires hard wired smoke, fire and carbon monoxide detection systems.
- A sprinkler system may be required throughout the entire structure.
- Call **428-6526** with any questions regarding construction details during the planning stages.
- Variance approval may be required for certain expansions. Call **428-7043** to speak with a Zoning Planner.
- If a property is located within a preservation district or is a landmark site, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be required from the Preservation Board. Call **428-7043** for more information.
- The City's TTY number is **428-7600**.
- Metered parking is available on N. Fitzhugh St. adjacent to the building. Other parking is available in the Sister Cities Garage across the street from City Hall.

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Questions? Call 311

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