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**Building Codes Enforced:**  
2016 CA Building/Residential Code (CBC/CRC)  
2016 California Electrical Code (CEC)  
2016 California Mechanical Code (CMC)  
2016 California Plumbing Code (CPC)  
2016 California CAgreen Code (CAGC)  
2016 California Energy Code (CEnc)

## WORK EXEMPT FROM PERMIT

Exemptions from permit requirements shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of California Building Standards Code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction. Permits shall not be required for the following:

- **Cosmetic Work** such as painting, papering, replacing floor coverings, trim work, and similar finish work not regulated in the California Building Standards Code.  
*Note: Approval from the Planning Division may be required for exterior painting depending on the zoning district of the property. Contact a planner at the Permit Center or (707) 647-4336 for more information.*
- **Fences** not exceeding 6 feet in height; not of masonry, concrete or similar materials of construction.  
*Note: Contact Planning Division for zoning and setback requirements for any fence. Contact a planner at the Permit Center or (707) 647-4336 for more information.*
- **One-story detached accessory structures** (e.g. tool and storage sheds) that do not exceed 120 square feet of floor area, and do not have any utilities connected (e.g. plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc.) and shall not be used for any living or sleeping occupancy.  
*Note: Approval from the Planning Division may be required depending on the location and height of the accessory structure. Contact a planner at the Permit Center or (707) 647-4336 for more information.*
- **Walks and driveways** not over a basement or story below, less than 30 inches above the adjacent grade, and not part of a disabled accessible route or parking lot.  
*Note: Repair or replacement of public sidewalks or driveway curb cuts requires review and approval by the Public Works Department. Contact an engineer at (707) 647-4558 for more information.*
- **Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height** measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or IIIA liquids. Additionally, when no other structure is attached to, or is dependent upon the support, by the retaining wall.  
*Note: The City of American Canyon does not allow wood retaining walls.*
- **Prefabricated swimming pools** at a single-family house or duplex meeting all of the following criteria:
  - ✓ Installed on a single family or duplex property,
  - ✓ Is less than 24 inches deep,
  - ✓ Is entirely above ground, and
  - ✓ Does not exceed 5,000 gallons.*Note: If the max capacity of the water level is over 18 inches in depth, a protective barrier is required. Please refer to the City of American Canyon municipal code, and Building Standards Code, and applicable California state laws. Contact a Building Inspector at the Permit Center or (707) 647-4339 for more information.*
- **Swings and other playground equipment** accessory to a detached one- or two-family dwelling.
- **Window awnings** attached to single-family homes and duplexes that are supported by an exterior wall, do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall, and do not require additional support.

FYI: The information provided in this document is general and intended as a guide only. Each project is unique and additional requirements may be enforced as deemed appropriate by the building official.