

JOHNSON COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION

Johnson County adopted the 2009 International Building Code, 2009 International Residential Code, 2009 International Mechanical Code, and 2009 International Fuel Gas Code with local amendments on March 23, 2010 which will be enforced beginning July 1, 2010. Johnson County adopted the 2008 National Electric Code with which was enacted January 1, 2009. Amendments to the adopted codes may be obtained on this web site or at the Building Inspection Division office.

Building permits will be required on new and remodeled residential or commercial construction being built on a parcel of land less than 40 acres. If a utility or accessory building larger than 144 square feet is to be constructed, then a building permit will be necessary. The fee for the building permit is based on the fee schedule addressed in the International Building Code.

When applying for a building permit one will be required to submit two (2) complete sets of contract documents. This includes: two (2) sets of building plans, one plot plan and specifications. Drawings may be hand drawn on 8.5 X 11-inch paper and shall include: site plan not greater than (1"=40') scale; Floor plans 1/8 inch min. scale and four (4) elevations at 1/8 min. scale. Finally a building section, footing to roof, including stairs if any. Hand produced drawings shall be drawn with the assistance of a straight edge. This shall apply to most cases, but the Building Official may require additional plans when needed. For commercial and industrial work, professionally drawn plans will be required. **All plans must be legible. New homes and additions to existing homes of more than 25% shall meet visit-ability standards.**

For persons in the trades, there are licensing requirements in the Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC and Gas Piping areas. Johnson County will be honoring the licenses being issued by the State of Iowa as long as they are current.

We would recommend that when someone is in doubt if a permit is required please contact Ruben Arsate, Senior Building Inspector at (319) 356-6085 before doing any work, which includes excavating or removal of an existing structure. **Please be aware there is a penalty fee for starting work without a permit.**