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Permit type

Code	Description
Application to Occupy	<p>An application to Occupy is required when property changes use or when a new business or organization takes over space. This does not apply to a change in residential tenants, like when home is sold.</p> <p>A new permit is required if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a change of operator • in conjunction with a building permit, if the floor area of the premises is altered • the uses are changed, or if new uses are added • the number of commercial or residential units changes
Blasting Permit	<p>A Blasting Permit is required for the controlled detonation of explosives to alter existing topographical conditions, as per By-Law B600 respecting Blasting. A Blasting Permit shall not be issued to an applicant unless the application contains a contractor as a qualified blaster.</p>
Deck Permit	<p>A General Permit for Deck Construction is required for construction of a new deck or replacement of an existing deck that is more than 0.6 meters (24 inches) above the ground.</p>
Demolition Permit	<p>A General Permit for Demolition is required for the removal of a structure from a site. Permits are required for demolition projects such as demolition of a house, accessory structure and commercial or industrial buildings.</p>
Development Only Permit	<p>A Development Only Permit shows whether a proposed project is allowed on a property based on applicable land use By-laws. A Development Permit does not mean construction / work can begin. It simply means the Land Use By-law permits it.</p>
Development - Right of Way Permit	<p>A ROW-D permit is a related permit required when work in the right-of-way occurs due to development work (new building, renovation, landscaping etc.). For example: driveway access, street closure, temporary work, utility work, and sign installation, etc. These permits are overseen by Planning & Development, Development Engineering.</p>

Fence Construction	A fence 2 meters or more (6.5 feet) in height requires a General Permit for a Fence. Refer to By-Law B-201 Section 10 - Fences to learn more about the requirements. A fenced enclosure is required when installing a swimming pool and construction of that fence is covered in the Swimming Pool Permit. A fence for a swimming pool must be at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) in height. Refer to By-Law S-700 Respecting Swimming Pools.
Grade Alteration Permit	Any alteration to the grade of land including filling, dumping, extracting or moving soil must be performed in compliance with By-law L-400, and requires a General Permit for Grade Alteration. This bylaw was enacted to prevent drainage issues within the municipality and to protect groundwater and the environment from contamination.
Lot Grading Permit	<p>Any modification to the grade of land including filling, dumping, extracting or moving soil must be performed in compliance with By-law G-200. This by-law was enacted to prevent drainage issues within the municipality and to protect groundwater and the environment from contamination.</p> <p>A permit is required for the following activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a residential or commercial building, or an addition • Construction of a new commercial accessory structure • swimming pool installations • retaining walls • change of grade contour • topsoil removal • parking lot excavation or regrading
Mixed Use & Commercial Building Permit	Mixed Use & Commercial Building Permits apply to any buildings that include both residential and non-residential uses, it can also include buildings that are entirely non-residential such as commercial or industrial buildings.

Mobile Home Permit	<p>General Permit for a Mobile Home Installed in a Park is required when installing a mobile home in a mobile home park. A mobile home park is a group of mobile homes located on land that is rented or leased to residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A General Permit for a Mobile Home Installed on a Private Lot is required when installing a mobile home on a private lot that is not part of a formalized mobile home park.
Residential Building Permit	<p>Residential Building Permits include buildings where the use is only residential or small-scale accessory (secondary structure or use such as detached garages, decks, backyard suits). Includes any residential considered to be Part 9 buildings.</p>
Right of Way Permit	<p>Right-of-Way (ROW) permits are required for work in the right-of-way. This work is not related to any development projects and is overseen by Transportation and Public Works (TPW), right-of-way services.</p>
Sign Permit	<p>Businesses installing on-site permanent signage are required to first obtain a General Permit for a Sign. Permanent signs can include projecting signs, fascia signs, window signs and canopy and awning signs. Additional approvals may be required for registered heritage buildings and for signs that project into the street. For more information, see the permanent signage guide.</p>
Solar Permit	<p>A General Permit for Solar Panel installation is required when property owners want to install solar collectors on their home or on private property. Solar energy collector systems can convert sunlight into electricity and/or use the sun's radiation to heat hot water. Solar Permits and inspections will help to ensure the required minimum plumbing and structural standards are met. For more information, see the solar collector guide or the Solar City program.</p>
Swimming Pool Permit	<p>A General Permit for Swimming Pool Installation is required for an inground or above ground swimming pool when these three conditions apply: pools have a surface area of more than 9.3 square meters (100 square feet), designed or intended to be used for swimming purposes, contains or is capable of containing a water depth of more than 0.6 meters (24 inches). A fenced enclosure is required when installing a swimming pool. The construction of a fence is covered in this Swimming Pool Permit. A fence for a swimming pool must be at least 1.5 meters (5 feet) in height. For more information, refer to By-Law S-700 Respecting Swimming Pools.</p>

Water Permit	A Water Permit is required when installing, altering or relocating sewer and water equipment such as: Sewer Lines, Water Lines, Storm or sanitary sewers, or Water Connections. The Water Permit approval and completion is the responsibility of Halifax Water's Engineering Approvals employees.
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Work Type

Code	Description
Addition	A change to an existing structure resulting in an increase in the floor area or height of a building
Annual License Work	Required for any commercial construction work that takes place in the public right of way, either fully or partially, to conduct emergency or routine repair work.
Associated to a Building	Work is being done in association to a building or structure.
Billboard	Applicable to Sign Permit, Billboard work.
Blasting	Refers to work related to blasting.
Capital Project	Work done by or on behalf of HRM as part of the capital project portfolio.
Demolition	Demolition of a building.
Driveway Access	Required for work that takes place in the public right of way related to a building permit or development work (new building, renovation, landscaping etc.), a homeowner or designate wish to build a driveway connecting an area of land between the street up to and through a legal property line.
Fence Construction	The construction of a fence.
Installation	Installation of a mobile home, solar or swimming pool.
Fascia Sign	Applicable to Sign Permit, type of Sign.
Ground Sign	Applicable to Sign Permit, type of Sign.
New Building	The construction of a new structure.
Non-Residential	Refers to work related to a non-residential building.
Not Associated with a Building	Work is not being done in association with a building or structure.
Projection Sign	Applicable to Sign Permit, type of Sign.

Renovation	A change to an existing structure within the existing footprint that does not increase the floor area or height of a building.
Residential	Refers to work related to a residential building.
Special Move	Required for any commercial work, such as moving activities that take place in the public right of way. This ensures minimal disruption of the movement of people and goods, and protection of the physical asset.
Street Closure	Required for work that takes place in the public right-of-way related to a building permit or development work (new building, renovation, landscaping etc.), should a homeowner or designate need to close a street, either fully or partially, to conduct construction and/or to do repair work.
Temporary Work	Required for work that takes place in a public right-of-way related to a building permit or development work (new building, renovation, landscaping etc.), should a homeowner or designate wish to temporarily use the road right-of-way during construction.
Utility Work	Required for utility work that takes place in the public right of way related to a building permit or development work (new building, renovation, landscaping etc.), prior to the installation of any new utility infrastructure or modifying existing utility infrastructure.

Structure Type

Code	Description
Accessory Structure	Accessory buildings are outdoor structures such as detached garages, sheds, playhouses, storage buildings, pergolas, garden structures, greenhouses, private studios, boathouses, pool houses, cabanas and other similar buildings.
Agriculture	A building related to the business of cultivating land, raising crops, feeding, breeding and raising livestock; farming, the production of crops, livestock or poultry.
Aquaculture	A building associated with the controlled cultivation of freshwater or marine species for food (aquaculture facility, mussel ranch, aquaculture farm).
Commercial	Commercial buildings are buildings that are used for commercial purposes including office buildings, warehouses and retail buildings (e.g. convenience stores, 'big box' stores and shopping malls).

Dwelling – Backyard Suite	Backyard Suites are separate free-standing buildings, either built overtop an accessory structure like a garage, or simply on their own. They are often referred to as granny suites, carriage flats and could be in the form of a tiny house. Maximum Floor Area: 90m ² * or the maximum size permitted for an accessory building (garage) for your zone; whichever is smaller.
Dwelling - Seasonal	Designed or intended for seasonal dwelling or recreational use only, and is not intended for use as permanent living space.
Dwelling - Single Detached	One dwelling unit completely separated on all sides from any other dwelling or structure.
Dwelling - Multiple Units	Two or more dwelling units configured over/under one another.
Dwelling - Semi-Detached	Two dwelling units separated by a common wall or by a garage, not attached to any other building and surrounded on all other sides by open space.
Dwelling - Townhouse	A townhouse or townhome is a single family home that shares one or more walls with other independently-owned units. They are often rows of uniform homes, two stories or taller. Residents own their interior and exterior walls, lawn, and roof, as well as the insurance for both their home and property.
Industrial	A building or part of a building used for the following purposes: mining facility, brewery, distillery, factory, lumber mill, mill, power plant, processing plant, spray paint operation, public works depot, transit depot, accessory building associated to industrial, grain elevator, salt dome, storage warehouse, hazardous substance storage, storage warehouse, light industrial, composting facility, fish plant, recycling facility, refinery, refuse facility, treatment plant, crematorium or a lighthouse.
Institutional and Governmental	A building or part of a building is used for the following purposes: an institutional accessory building, post office, laboratory/research facility, observatory, courthouse, legislative building, correctional facility, fire station, Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Community office, HRP headquarters, HRP Satellite Office, RCMP station, archives, library or a museum.
Mixed Use - Residential & Other Use(s)	A combination of residential and commercial occupancy of a building e.g. A multi-level apartment building with street level retail stores.
Mobile Home	A prefabricated or manufactured mobile home that primarily meets CAN/CSA-Z240 MH standard. A dwelling unit originally designed to be transportable, whether it is equipped with wheels. This does not include travel trailers, buses, or recreational vehicles.

Not Associated to a Building	Work is not associated with an existing or proposed building on a parcel or street segment. Examples include blasting permits; some grade alteration permits or stand- alone right-of-way permits
Residential	Apply to buildings primarily used for housing including houses and other multi-unit residential buildings.

Permit Status

Code	Description
Submitted	The permit has been Submitted pending initial checks to confirm the application is acceptable to move to In Review. An initial payment may have been made but additional fees may be required as the application moves through the process.
Application Incomplete	The application has been returned to the applicant from the Submitted status, requiring additional and/or updated information
Applicant Revisions	This application has been returned to the applicant from the In Review status, requiring additional and/or updated information and changes.
In Review	The application is pending review or reviews are underway by the various review agencies/approvers.

Ready For Issue	Reviews are complete and the file requires a final check prior to issuance. If additional fees, permits or conditions are required before permit can be issued, file will stay in this status until those requirements are met by the customer.
Issued	The permit is Issued.
Amendment Requested	The permit has been issued and currently active. Applicant has submitted a request to amend the approved permit.
Amendment Application Incomplete	The permit has been issued/is an active permit. Applicant has submitted a request to amend/change the approved permit but must provide additional information before moving to Amendment Review.
Amendment Review	The permit has been issued and is currently active. The proposed changes through the Amendment are under review by various review agencies and approvers. Once all reviews are complete the permit will move back into Issued stage.
Amendment Applicant Revisions	The permit has been issued and is currently active. The file has been returned to the applicant from the Amendment Review status, requiring updated and additional information before it can proceed. Once customer submits the required revisions, file will be set back to Amendment Review status.
Completed	Permit activity is completed and the Final Certificate of Completion or Certification of Occupancy has been issued.