

## **BUILDING PERMITS PERTAINING TO ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS**

### **A. When do I need one?**

You will need a building permit to make improvements to your property including, but not limited to the following:

- Construction of a new structure.
- Construction of an addition.
- Construction of a deck.
- Construction of a garage.
- Installation of swimming pool in-ground or aboveground.
- Any installation or movement of electrical wires.
- Any installation or replacement of heating or air conditioning equipment.
- Any installation of plumbing supply, drains, waste or vent lines.
- Installation of a new roof.
- Installation of siding.
- Interior renovations or alterations.
- Construction or installation of a shed.

The following improvements would not require a building permit:

- Construction of a patio if at ground level.
- Painting, wallpapering, flooring, cabinets, counters, plumbing or electrical fixtures.
- Installation of a fence.
- Minor interior renovations.

However, a zoning permit is needed to install a fence if the fence is higher than six feet.

### **B. What information do I need to apply?**

- Zoning permit (if required).
  - Drawings (**Floor Plans/Cross Section**)
  - Detailed description of work.
  - License and insurance.
- (Some or all of the above may be required)**

### **B. How much does it cost?**

The costs is \$25.00 for first \$1,000 and \$15.00 for every additional \$1,000 of value, plus a \$10.00 processing fee, Certificate of Occupancy fees ranging from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per dwelling unit and a State Education Fee of .26 cent per \$1,000.

### **D. Inspections.**

It is the obligation of the property owner/agent/contractor to call the Town of East Haven Building Department (468-3216) to schedule all required inspections. The Building Official will ensure, to the best of his ability, that all construction complies with the current Connecticut State Building Code.

### **E. Certificate of Occupancy.**

Upon approval of the final inspection and submittal of all required documentation (Zoning, Health Dept., if applicable) a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

It is a violation of the State Statute to occupy a newly constructed building or addition, without a Certificate of Occupancy.

### **F. Am I allowed to do the work myself?**

Yes, you may do all the work yourself on an owner occupied one family house. However, You must obtain the required permits and call for all the necessary inspections. Any other structure requires licensed contractors to perform all work. All work shall be conducted, installed and completed in a workmanlike and acceptable manner that meets the minimum requirements of the current State of Connecticut Building Code.