



# Village of Villa Park

Permitting Division

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## BATHROOM REMODEL OR INSTALL

### PERMIT APPLICATION

The Village of Villa Park requires a permit prior to beginning any construction.

1. Complete a permit application with contractor's information (if applicable). Homeowners may perform their own electrical and plumbing improvements without being licensed as long as they occupy the home for a minimum of six (6) months after the final inspection is complete.
2. Provide two (2) copies of the existing and proposed remodeling plan. The plans are to be of sufficient clarity to indicate the extent of the work being performed.
3. Provide a copy of the written and signed contract between the contractor and the homeowner (if applicable).
4. A plan review will be performed by the Building Dept. prior to issuing a permit to begin the work. Each review is completed with a response to the applicant within ten (10) business days or sooner.

### **Building**

- If the bathroom has a sloped ceiling, there must be a minimum ceiling height of 6'-8" at a point 21" in front of the toilet, lavatory or shower. The ceiling height directly above a toilet or lavatory may be lower than 6'-8", but it must allow that fixture to be used for its intended purpose. A shower or bathtub with a showerhead shall have a minimum ceiling height of 6 feet 8 inches above a 30" x 30" square area at the showerhead.
- Fire-block pipe or conduit penetrations between floors or through walls with fire-rated sealant or Thermafiber rock wool
- If you are removing the plaster or drywall finish on an exterior wall, that wall must be insulated with R-15 insulation between the studs or 3" of closed cell spray polyethylene foam
- Bathrooms must have either an operable window for ventilation or a mechanical fan exhausting directly to the outdoors through a louvered screened opening.
- Safety glazing shall be required in and around all shower/tub areas (shower doors, windows in tubs, near the door swing, skylights)
- Windows installed within tub or shower enclosure require safety glazing.
- New or replacement windows shall have a maximum U-value of 0.30
- New or replacement skylights shall have a maximum U-value of 0.55
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed per code.

## Plumbing

- Increasing the amount of plumbing fixtures may require an increased water service to maintain water pressure. Provide the existing water size with current and new fixtures.
- New water piping must be Type L copper. If you intend to install water pipes on an exterior wall, the wall will need to be insulated and the pipes must be located as close to the interior finish as possible on the warm-in-winter side of the wall to prevent pipes from freezing.
- Water pipes installed on an exterior wall shall be insulated and shall maintain clearance to insulate the wall behind the pipes.
- New hand held showers require a vacuum breaker.
- Copper water lines shall not be installed in direct contact with metal electrical conduits or fixtures.
- Provide type of material for underground plumbing

## Electrical

- At least one separate 20-amp GFCI shall be required
- Each bathroom sink requires a separate GFCI outlet within 3' of the sink
- Shower lighting shall be rated for WET locations and shall be labeled so.
- At least one wall switch controlled light shall be provided.
- Electrical devices shall be a minimum of 3' away from the tub/shower area.
- Exhaust fans shall discharge directly to the atmosphere.
- Thru-wall bathroom exhaust fans shall terminate a minimum of three feet from any other opening into the building.
- Openings in walls or floors around the drain and or water lines must be sealed.
- All electrical to be installed in conduit

## SAMPLE

