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**General Information on Building for Homeowners & Contractors**

The following information will answer the most commonly asked questions. For further information, please call the Community Development Department at 715-386-4776 or contact the Building Inspector, David Gray at 715-386-4775 or [dgray@ci.hudson.wi.us](mailto:dgray@ci.hudson.wi.us).

**Licensing**

The State of Wisconsin requires that anyone performing work within the construction industry to be registered, credentialed, and/or licensed. These rules, however, do not apply to homeowners working on property they own **and** occupy. To obtain or check on the status of a State issued registration, credential, or license at [www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB) or 608-261-8500. Below are the most common types:

**Contractor Type**

***1 or 2 Family Home Builders & Remodelers***

***Commercial General Contractor***

***HVAC Contractor***

***Plumbing Contractor\****

***Electrical Contractor\*\****

***Subcontractors/Other Construction Businesses\*\*\****

***Elevator/Fire Sprinkler/Tank Installers***

**Required Credential/Registration/License**

*Dwelling Contractor Cert. **and**  
Dwelling Contractor Qualifier*

*Building Contractor Registration **or**  
Dwelling Contractor Certification*

*HVAC Contractor Credential*

*Master Plumber License **and**  
Building Contractor Registration*

*Electrical Contractor Credential **or**  
Building Contractor Registration*

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*Contact Department of Commerce*

\*All individuals performing plumbing work shall be licensed as Journeymen or Apprentice Plumbers and work under the supervision of the Master Plumber\*

\*\* Beginning in 2013 all individual electricians working in the state will be required to have an individual electrician's license. All electrical contractors will be required to have at least one Master Electrician\*\*

\*\*\*All construction businesses that don't fall into one of the categories above are required to obtain a Building Contractor Registration \*\*\*

### **One & Two Family - New Construction**

The State of Wisconsin requires that all building permit applications for new construction be submitted with the following information:

Permit Application

House Plan

Site Plan

Heat Loss Calculations using Rescheck 4.2.2 or newer - available at [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov)

Erosion Control Worksheet – available at [www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB)

### **Codes**

Copies of all current State of Wisconsin building codes can be found at:

[www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB) or call the State of Wisconsin Document Sales at 800-362-7253.

The following are some of the current codes that pertain to building construction in use in Wisconsin:

Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations – COMM 5

One & Two Family – Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code COMM 20-25

Plumbing – Wisconsin Plumbing Code COMM 82-85

Electrical – National Electrical Code with Wisconsin amendments in COMM 16

Commercial – Wisconsin Enrolled Commercial Code based on the International Building, Mechanical, Energy Conservation, and Exist. Building Codes with Wisconsin Amendments in COMM 61-66

### **Site Plans**

Any project that consists of new construction or changes the footprint of an existing structure, including decks, additions, and accessory buildings, will require a site plan to be submitted with the application. Site plans must be to scale and accurately indicate the size of the structure and dimensions to the property lines.

### **Property Lines**

The City of Hudson Community Development Department can assist in determining property *dimensions* only. Actually *locating* property lines and property corners are the responsibility of the property owner. Because iron property corner monuments are typically 4-6 inches below the surface, renting a metal detector is often necessary to locate these monuments. In some instances, it may be necessary to hire a surveyor to find the property lines.