



District of Highlands – Building FAQ Sheet

What is the BC Building Code?

The **BC Building Code** is a provincial regulation that governs:

- New construction
- Building alterations
- Repairs
- Demolitions

It sets **minimum standards** for:

- Safety
- Health
- Accessibility
- Fire and structural protection
- Energy and water efficiency

For more details regarding the BC Building Code, please visit:

[BC Building Code 2024 - Province of British Columbia](#)

Do I Need a Building Permit?

As per the [Building Regulation Bylaw No. 192, 2003](#), a **building permit is required** before constructing, repairing, altering, moving, or demolishing any building or structure.

Who Issues Permits?

The **District's Building Inspector** administers the BC Building Code and issues permits for:

- Building & demolition
- Plumbing
- Driveway & road right-of-way work

- Chimneys
- Soil deposit & removal
- Tree cutting
- Blasting

The Building Inspector is available to clarify BC Building Code and bylaw requirements, review preliminary building plans for regulatory compliance, and provide interpretations of the Code. They can also offer guidance on suitable construction methods.

Please note: It is ultimately the property owner's responsibility to ensure all applicable codes, regulations, and bylaws are followed. District staff are here to help you identify the necessary permits and guide you through the application process.

Where Can I Learn More?

Visit the District's [Building page](#) for more details.

Relevant Bylaws

Click below to view each bylaw:

- [Blasting Bylaw No. 67, 1996](#)
- [Building Regulation Bylaw No. 192, 2003](#)
- [Roads and Traffic Bylaw No. 300, 2008](#)
- [Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw No. 341, 2012](#)
- [Subdivision or Development of Land Bylaw No. 154, 2001](#)
- [Zoning Bylaw No. 100, 1998](#)

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