



# Residential Mechanical Permits

The Department of Local Services, Permitting Division (Permitting) Residential Mechanical permit covers the installation, replacement, or relocation of mechanical systems such as furnaces, wood stoves, fireplaces, air conditioners, and/or boilers.

A separate residential mechanical permit is not necessary for new installations in conjunction with a single family residential construction and remodel permits, as the mechanical work is included as part of the building permit. Residential mechanical permits cover single family residences, duplexes, and individual townhomes and condominiums.

## Exterior HVAC Units - Setbacks

Per King County Title 21A. Freestanding air conditioners and heat pumps may project into or be located within a setback abutting a residential property but may only be located closer than five feet of an abutting residential property if an agreement documenting consent between owners of record of the abutting properties is recorded prior to permit issuance.

### *Licensed Contractor and Professional User Accounts*

Permitting recommends maintaining a single account in your company name that can be shared by all staff who process permit applications online. This will make the application process easier and ensure that all tracking permit history is in one company account.

## Obtaining a Residential Mechanical Permit

### Walk-in or Mail-in:

Applications may be mailed in with payment by check, or may be submitted in person with check, cash or credit card (VISA or MasterCard) at the Department of Local Services, Permitting Division office during [customer service hours](#). No appointment is necessary.

Apply On-Line at [MyBuildingPermit.com](http://MyBuildingPermit.com)

Select: King County | Mechanical | (Project Type) | (Activity Type)



## Additional Resources

[Department of Local Services, Permitting Division](#)

Residential mechanical permit application

King County Online Mapping [iMap](#) or [Parcel Viewer](#)

[Mechanical Agreement form and recording instructions.](#)

Labor & Industries - [Electrical Permits](#)

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