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How to Apply for a Permit to Repair a Masonry Chimney

Masonry chimneys often require repair or replacement due to seismic activity or obsolescence. Requirement for the repair of your chimney will depend on whether the chimney is a reinforced masonry chimney or unreinforced.

For reinforced chimneys, the repairs can be made by removing the damaged portion of the chimney below the break and reconstructing the chimney.

For un-reinforced chimneys, you must remove the entire chimney to the top of the firebox and then install reinforcement steel by doweling rebar into the existing box. The chimney can then be reconstructed in the same manner as a reinforced chimney. If your firebox is determined to be deteriorated or damaged, complete removal and rebuilding may be necessary and additional plans and fees will be required.

Please note: All masonry chimney replacements require floor and roof ties to be installed.

How do I apply for a permit?

Submit a completed permit application to the Building Division stating the project address, the owner of the property, architect, engineer, design professional or the contractor information. Along with the application, you must submit a drawing which accurately demonstrates how the repair will be made.

Is there any Planning (Zoning) review?

No, not on a chimney repair. However, if you must remove the entire fireplace, then your project will be subject to present zoning regulations.



At what point shall I call for an inspection on my project?

An inspection of the repairs must be made at the following phases:

- ⇒ For unreinforced chimneys, the first inspection is required when the chimney has been removed and the rebar has been doweled into the existing firebox.
- ⇒ For reinforced chimney, an inspection is required when the masonry has been removed to a point below the damaged area.
- ⇒ All chimneys will require an inspection at all floor or roof tie connections.
- ⇒ A final inspection will be required when the project has been completed. Spark arrestors, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors will be required for final approval.

What fees must I pay?

There is “No Cost” for the permits for the repair of a masonry chimney **through December 24, 2014. Please contact a Permit Technician at (707) 648-4374.** Plans may require review by our Structural Plans Examiner, due to engineering or other complications.

How long will it take for my permit to be issued?

Applications for repairs of chimneys by a California masonry contractor which are accompanied by the required drawing can generally be issued over-the-counter. If more extensive review of the project is required, the application will be routed to our plan checker for review. Applications which require further review may take several days.

