Bismarck-Burleigh County Community Development Department
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PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday 8AM to 5PM
Closed Wednesdays 11AM to 1PM

The City of Bismarck has jurisdiction over the City of Bismarck, the surrounding four mile Extra Territorial area, and several other townships within Burleigh County. Click Here to Jurisdiction Map

Permits: The Building Permits and Inspections Department issues all building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, moving, or demolition permits for the City of Bismarck, the four mile Extra Territorial area, and for several other townships located within Burleigh County that have given the City of Bismarck jurisdiction over their territory. For more information about the different types of permits and the permit requirements for new construction, alterations, finishing, or remodeling of residential or commercial buildings, contact our office via phone or email.

Types of Permits:

Building: This type of permit is required for required for the erection, construction, alteration, remodel, removal, demolition, conversion, occupancy, or use of residential, commercial or industrial building structures; including accessory structures located within the City of Bismarck and its Jurisdiction.

Electrical: This type of permit is required for all electrical work conducted within the CIty of Bismarck. Only a master electrician is allowed to conduct electrical work within the City of Bismarck.

Mechanical: This type of permit is required when installing, repairing , altering, relocating or replacin furnaces, central air conditioners, fireplaces, water heaters, wood burning stoves, gas lines for heating units, duct work, or ventilation systems. This permit is also needed when installing ductwork for heat pump systems.

Plumbing: This type of permit is required when installing underground plumbing work, above ground sanitary drains and water lines, water softeners, or water purifying systems. A permit is also required for or alteration of existing sanitary drains or water lines.

Moving or Demolition: This type permit is required when moving a structure into, within, or out of the City of Bismarck and its Jurisdiction or demolishing a structure located within the City of Bismarck and its Jurisdiction.

Signs and Outdoor Display Structures: This type of permit is required when installing new advertising, closed, marquee, pole, on-premises, panel, or temporary signs, awnings, or canopies. Off-premises and spite signs are prohibited within the City of Bismarck and it's Jurisdiction. A permit is not required for re-facing existing signs.

Inspections: The Building Permits and Inspections Department conducts all the inspections related to building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits issued within the city limits of Bismarck. We also conduct the inspections related to the building, mechanical, and plumbing permits issued outside of city limits but within Burleigh County whose territories are governed by the City of Bismarck. For more information regarding the required inspections, contact our office via email or phone.

The Building Permits and Inspections Department is authorized to issue electrical permits and conduct electrical inspections for the City of Bismarck ONLY. For electrical permits or inspections in territories outside Bismarck city limits, please contact the State Electrical Board at (701) 328-9522.

Contractors*:* Any contractor wishing to do business within the City of Bismarck or any territories located within Burleigh County that are governed by the City of Bismarck must be registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State. In addition, electrical work within the City of Bismarck may be performed only by persons who hold a Master Electrician's License issued by the North Dakota State Electrical Board; and all plumbers wishing to perform work within the City of Bismarck must be registered as master or journeyman plumbers and licensed by the North Dakota State Plumbing Board.

For more information on how to register with the North Dakota Secretary of State as a licensed general contractor, please contact the North Dakota Secretary of State by calling (701) 328-3665.

For more information on how to become a licensed master electrician, please contact the North Dakota State Electrical Board by calling (701) 328-9522. Or click North Dakota Secretary of State

For more information on how to become a licensed journeyman or master plumber, please contact the North Dakota State Plumbing Board by calling (701) 328-9977. Or click North Dakota Secretary of State