



Residential Remodel/Addition

What is an Addition – Any construction work done to the main building that results in the addition of square footage to the footprint of the house. Additions could be a sunroom, a bedroom, a bathroom or any other room enclosed that is attached to the main structure.

What is a Remodel – Any interior or exterior construction work to the main structure such as moving walls, replacing windows, any major electrical, plumbing, and/or mechanical work.

Permit Submittals

Residential Addition	Residential Remodel
Residential Permit Application	Residential Permit Application
(2) Energy Reports (IECC compliance)	(2) Energy Reports if installing new windows as part of the remodel. (IECC compliance)
(2) Sets of floor plans to include all Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing.	(2) Sets of plans to include all Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing, if applicable.
Contractor Registration - Electrician, Plumber, Mechanical	Contractor Registration - Electrician, Plumber, Mechanical
(2) Copies of the site plan showing distance from addition to property lines and other structures and showing all easements and existing structures on property. Must include septic spray area if applicable.	N/A
(2) Foundation and Roofing plans	N/A

What do I need to install a Deck? - Because they are not covered, decks are not considered additions to the footprint of the house nor do they have to meet setback requirements. Any deck 30 inches off the ground requires a permit. Submit a residential permit application and a drawing showing the house and where the deck is to be constructed. Include the materials to be used and a description of how the deck will be anchored to the ground.

Do I need a permit for a Concrete Patio? Concrete patios do not require a permit if they are not attached to the house foundation, however, if you plan to cover or enclose this area at a later date, a permit for the concrete is a good idea so we will have a record of the structural strength of the patio.

The City of Athens has adopted the 2006 International Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel / Gas, and Energy Conservation Codes and the 2005 National Electrical Code.