

Permit Expiration, Time Extension, and Expired Permit Renewal

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1. When does a permit expire?

The Florida Building Code states that a permit expires in two (2) ways as follows:

- When an approved required inspection was not made within 180 calendar days from permit issuance; or,
- When an approved required inspection was not made within 180 calendar days from the last approved required inspection.

Note #1: Partial inspections do not renew or extend a permit.

Note #2: The initial expiration date is printed on the job card at the time of permit issuance.

Note #3: The required inspections are printed on the job card and are shown online as "pending."

Note #4: An automated email reminder is sent to the permit holder 30 calendar days before a permit will expire.

2. Permit Extension Requests (must be made in writing prior to permit expiration):

- Permit extension requests must be submitted prior to permit expiration.
- Requests must be made in the form of a signed letter, preferably on company letterhead, containing the permit number, job site address and the reason for the extension request. The letter can be sent by email, fax, or mail.
- Extensions are limited to a maximum of two (2).
- Extensions are limited to a maximum of 90 calendar days.
- Fees for permit extension requests are as follow:

| Extension | Extension Fee |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 st extension request | \$63 |
| 2 nd extension request | \$100 |

3. Expired Permit Renewal Requests:

- Requests for the 1st and/or 2nd renewal of a permit do not have to be in the form of a letter from the permit holder.
- For the 3rd or more expired permit renewal requests, a letter of hardship addressed to the Building Official must be submitted for review and shall contain the permit number and the job site address.
- Fees for permit renewal requests are listed as follows:

| Renewal Type | Initial Permit Cost (Building) | Renewal Fee |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Flat Fee Trade permits | \$90 | \$90 per renewal |
| All other permits – 1 st | Various | \$200 or 25% of the initial building fee |
| renewal request | | whichever is greater |
| All other permits – 2 nd | Various | \$200 or 50% of the initial building fee |
| renewal request | | whichever is greater |
| All other permits – 3 rd | Various | \$200 or 75% of the initial building fee |
| renewal request | | whichever is greater |
| All other permits – 4 th | Various | \$200 or 100% of the initial building fee |
| renewal request | | whichever is greater |