

Commercial Building Permits
TEMPORARY BUILDING PERMITS

The Administrative Requirements for Use with the NBC 1985 (referenced in Division C, Article 2.2.1.1 of the NBC 2010) allows for the approval of buildings or structures to be used on a temporary basis. Article 3.4.1 of these requirements states that:

Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these requirements, a permit for a **temporary building** may be issued by the authority having jurisdiction, authorizing for a limited time only the erection and existence of a building, or part thereof, for an occupancy which, because of its nature, will **exist for a short time**, under circumstances which warrant only **selective compliance** with the requirements.

A *temporary building* can include, but is not limited to, the following: greenhouses, ice cream stands and other similar use seasonal buildings greater than 10 m². It can also include exhibition grounds used for assembly purposes or livestock showing, etc.

Buildings that **exist for a short time** include seasonal use buildings or structures, such as greenhouses for the sale of bedding plants, ice cream stands, or exhibition type booths or structures. **The maximum length** of time for these types of permits will be 6 months.

Selective compliance means that the focus of plan review and inspections will be on life safety items such as exiting and a limited review for structural sufficiency.

A **Temporary Building Permit** is required for all new installations or changes to existing structures as defined above. Permits are not required for reinstallation of the same structure in subsequent years unless there is a Building, Zoning or Health contravention, or as may be determined by the Director of the Building Standards Division.

Conditions For Approval

- 1. All applications submitted for temporary permit must be approved by Building Standards, Planning and Development, Health Region (in the case where food or beverage is being handled) and Transportation and Utilities (in the case where sewer and water or street crossings are an issue).
- 2. The maximum size of any one building is 600 m². This area would also be the maximum allowable aggregate area of all temporary buildings on that site.
- 3. Temporary buildings must be removed from the site when the six month period has expired.

Drawings Required Include:

- □ Site plan
- □ Floor plan showing exits
- □ Structural plans to establish the type of structure being proposed. The seal and signature of an architect or engineer licensed to practice in the province of Saskatchewan may be required for certain structures and may also be required for structures that enclose assembly uses.
- □ Locations of food service equipment and sinks where food or beverages are being sold.

Special Circumstances

At the discretion of the Director of the Building Standards Division, special circumstances may warrant the issuance of a temporary permit for a storage, office or assembly building that is to be used as an interim measure during construction or repair work projects, or for special events.