Residential building permitting agencies, who does what

The Department of Local Services, Permitting Division (Permitting) provides land use actions, code enforcement, fire and building permits for the unincorporated areas of King County. There will be several agencies involved with the permitting process for residential land development and construction permitting in unincorporated King County. The required services and service providers will vary depending on your individual circumstances.

The following does not list every possible land use action and construction permit required for an addition or new residential construction. The linked documents will provide more details.

For additional information or questions, applicants may also:

- Call the Permit Center at 206-296-6600
- Email DPERWebInquiries@KingCounty.gov
- Permits Center hours and location

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¹ Clearing & Grading, Demolition, Non-Building, Mechanical and Impervious Surface (Drainage) work is typically covered by the Building Permit.
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