Kitchen Remodels

Purpose

This checklist applies to kitchen remodeling projects for single-family dwellings and is to be used as a general reference guide. If the scope of work only involves the removal and replacement of plumbing, mechanical, electrical fixtures, existing window replacements and minor non-load bearing wall modifications, the items appearing with a check mark shall be subject to field approval. Completion of a permit application, with the specific work to be remodeled, may be done over the counter.

What do I need to bring to obtain a kitchen remodel permit?

To apply for a permit, please bring three sets of plans (minimum 11”x17”) depicting the proposed kitchen layout, including a detailed description of the scope of work. It is important that your plans clearly show all the work you propose to do to avoid delays in processing. Once a permit has been issued it will be limited to the scope defined and illustrated in the documents filed – see sample floor plan on next page. The applicant is responsible for compliance with all code regulations if unforeseen work is discovered that is not part of the permit application.

Additional information will be required for a complete plan review in-house if the work includes the removal and/or replacement of structural features such as load-bearing walls, posts, and new window or door openings.

Electrical Requirements (2019 CEC)

- Two 20-amp small-appliance circuits. These cannot serve outside outlets – only the required countertop and wall outlets including refrigeration equipment [210-11(C) (1), 210-52(B)]
- Provide separate and dedicated circuits with I.D. for garbage disposal, dishwasher, built-in microwave, trash compactor, and refrigeration equipment [210-52 (B)]
- Garbage disposal & dishwasher: plug connected with listed flexible cords (18” to 36” long for G.D.; 36” to 48” long for D.); receptacles must be accessible (not behind appliance) [422-16(B) (1) & (2)]
- GFCI protection at the following locations: [210-8(A) (6)]
  a. All receptacles serving kitchen countertops
  b. Receptacles within 6’ of edge of a wet bar sink
- Provide additional receptacle outlets for countertop as follows:
  a. In each wall space or countertop wider than 12”
  b. Spaced so that no point along the wall and counter space line is more than 24” from a receptacle
  c. Installed at each countertop island and peninsular countertop meeting minimum dimensions [210-52(C) (2) (3)]
- Receptacle for gas-fired ranges may be attached to the small appliance circuit [210-52(B) (1) ex.2]
- Tamper resistant receptacle outlets for all non-locking 120V/15 & 20 Amp outlets unless for dedicated appliance or luminaries or over 5.5’ above floor [406.12]

Plumbing Requirements (2019 CPC)

- Dishwasher air-gap required above sink flood rim [807.3]
- Sink hose attachments require vacuum breaker [603.3.6]
- Special venting for island fixtures [909]

Mechanical Requirements (2019 CMC)

- Provide installation instructions for all listed equipment to field inspector at time of inspection [303.1]
□ Environmental air duct exhaust shall terminate a minimum of 3’ from property line and 3’ from openings into the building. (i.e., dryers, bath and utility fans, etc., must be 3’ away from doors, windows, opening skylights or attic vents) [502.2.1]
□ Kitchen fan required: 100 cfm if intermittent or 50 cfm if continuous and 3 sone max sound level [CMC T403.7]

Residential Lighting Requirements (2019 Energy Standards)
□ All kitchen lighting to be high-efficacy lighting (Exhaust hood lights and lights inside/under cabinets are EXEMPT) [150.0(k)]
□ Recessed can lights insulation contact (IC) listed and certified air tight (AT) (IC/AT)

**SCOPE OF WORK:**
Kitchen layout will remain the same. Work includes removal and replacement of kitchen appliances (dishwasher, sink, oven, range, countertops and cabinets, flooring, and light fixtures).

**FLOOR PLAN KEYNOTES:**
1. Double sink
2. Dishwasher with required airgap
3. Refrigerator
4. Island cabinet
5. Cook top with downdraft venting
6. Marble countertops & cabinets above
7. (E) Window – no change
8. (N) 4-Incand. Fixtures w/separate switch
9. (N) 5-Fluor. Fixtures w/ separate switch

**ELECTRICAL LEGEND:**
(Example of suggested luminaire schedule to be listed on plans)

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<th>Luminaire Type</th>
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<td>(N) Incandescent Recessed Can</td>
<td>With maximum re-lamping wattage of 75 watts, meeting the labeling, IC, and Airtight requirements of Sect. 150(k).</td>
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<td>With one 26 watt pin-based compact fluorescent lamp, meets the electronic ballast, min. efficacy, IC, and Airtight requirements of Sect. 150(k).</td>
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<td>(N) Fluorescent under-cabinet lights</td>
<td>Using 14 watts and 28 watts T5 linear fluorescent lamps.</td>
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**SAMPLE FLOOR PLAN**