

# Building Permit FAQ

## **Q: Who is responsible for obtaining the permit?**

**A:** While the property owner is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the permit is obtained before work is started, he or she may assign the duty of obtaining the permit to the contractor, architect or another authorized agent.

## **Q: When can I start work?**

**A:** The Fire District permit and city/county permit is required to be issued and on the job site when the work starts, except that footings and foundations may be installed (at the owner's risk) before the Fire District permit is issued.

## **Q: Why do I need a fire permit when I have a building permit?**

**A:** State statutes assign the responsibility of fire protection to Fire Protection Districts. Therefore, Fire Protection Districts are responsible for adopting and enforcing Fire Codes. Fire Permits enable Fire Protection Districts to perform inspections that ensure your building and property comply with the adopted Fire Codes for fire and life-safety.

To help ensure the safety, health and welfare; and, in general, to secure safety to life and property from all hazards incident to the design, construction, repair, or use and occupancy of all buildings, structures or premises in the Cottleville Fire Protection District , we have adopted the [2016 Ordinance No. 23](#) – The Fire Prevention Code.

Cottleville Fire Protection District requires all of our Inspectors to be Missouri State Certified Fire Inspectors. This assures that we have the expertise to recognize potential fire hazards and to help provide solutions to mitigate these hazards. Further, Cottleville Fire Inspectors have expert knowledge regarding the principles of combustion and fire growth such as the combustion process or how fireworks, phases of fire, heat transfer, flame spread, factors affecting fire growth, fire resistance in construction, fire loads, fire containment in buildings, elimination of ignition sources and many other fire related matters.