



**Missoula County  
Building Department Notice**

**ARM 24.301.361(3)**

**ARM 24.301.431(3)**

**Administrative Rules of Montana**

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*The following interpretation, policy or code alternate is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review/inspection and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation, policy or code alternate to specific projects may vary.*

**Code Issue:**

Missoula County Building Department would like to remind all contractors, property owners and the general public that **electrical and plumbing work is not exempt from permitting requirements** unless it clearly meets the exemption criteria established by the **Administrative Rules of Montana**.

**Notice:**

[ARM 24.301.361\(3\)](#) – Plumbing Code Exemptions

[ARM 24.301.431\(3\)](#) – Electrical Code Exemptions

We would like to remind you of the applicable **Administrative Rules of Montana** regarding the application and issuance of plumbing and electrical permits:

- **Plumbing – MT ARM 24.301.361(3):**
  - “Permits may not be issued to any person other than a Montana Licensed Master Plumber to install plumbing in a residence that is **built on speculation of sale or rent** and **is not the owner's primary residence in which they will reside.**”
- **Electrical – MT ARM 24.301.431(3):**
  - “Permits may not be issued to any person other than a Montana (Unlimited or Limited) Licensed Electrician to install electrical wiring in a residence that is built **on speculation of sale or rent** and **is not the owner's primary residence in which they will reside.**”

Our goal is to ensure all parties are aware of and in compliance with these rules. If your project does not meet the primary residence requirement and the speculation of sale or rent/lease, all plumbing and electrical permits must be applied for and issued to a Montana licensed electrical or plumbing contractor.

Electrical contractors must apply using their UCO - Unlimited Contractors License or LCO - Limited Contractors License.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or need clarification.