

CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Act requires general and mechanical construction to be performed by licensed contractors. Both the owner and the contractor are subject to penalties for violations of the law. In addition to state law, the City of Rock Hill's municipal ordinance requires all general, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and gas contractors to have a South Carolina state license or other certification to perform work within the City limits as outlined below.

General Construction

Residential work more than \$200 up to \$5000:

- One of the following State of South Carolina licenses is required:
 - Residential Specialty Contractor License. Specialty contractors can not supervise any other contractors. You can only obtain a permit for the specialty you are licensed for.
 - Residential Builders License
 - General Contractors License
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

Residential work over \$5000:

- One of the following State of South Carolina licenses is required:
 - Residential Specialty Contractor License that includes a bond with the Residential Builders Commission as the bond holder. Note: you can only perform the types of work you are licensed for with a specialty license. For example: roofing, siding, etc. Specialty contractors can not supervise any other contractors.
 - Residential Builders License
 - General Contractors License
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

Commercial work over \$5000

- State of South Carolina General Contractors License. Your license class must match the type of work performed and financial group limit for the value of work performed.
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing Installation

Residential work \$5000 or less

- One of the following State of South Carolina licenses is required:
 - State of South Carolina Mechanical Contractors License. Your license class must match the type of work performed and financial group limit for the value of work performed.
 - State of South Carolina Residential License.
 - State of South Carolina Residential License that says "grandfather" is acceptable provided the licensee has one of the following:
 1. SC Municipal Association trade certification card
 2. City of Rock Hill certification obtained by exam taken before 1990
 3. Other certification(s) received under examination as approved by the building official
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

Residential work over \$5000

- One of the following State of South Carolina licenses is required:

- State of South Carolina Mechanical Contractors License. Your license class must match the type of work performed and financial group limit for the value of work performed.
- State of South Carolina Residential License.
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

Commercial any amount

- State of South Carolina Mechanical Contractors License. Your license class must match the type of work performed and financial group limit for the value of work performed.
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

Gas Installation

Natural Gas Installations

SCLLR does not have a license classification for natural gas installers. Since the state does not regulate natural gas installations, they have passed this responsibility to the local jurisdiction. The City of Rock Hill requires the following:

- One of the following is required:
 - State of South Carolina Mechanical Contractors License for plumbing or HVAC
 - State of South Carolina Residential License for plumbing or HVAC
 - Master Trade Certification from the MASC
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

LP (Liquefied Petroleum) Gas Installations

The SC State Fire Marshal's Office issues licenses for LP gas installations.

- State of South Carolina LP Gas Installer license
- A City of Rock Hill Business License

For more information about state contractor licensing, visit the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation at <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/>.

Notes:

Effective December 15, 2008, surety bonds are no longer required.

Effective July 1, 2011, master certification cards are no longer required and will not need to be renewed after this date.

Effective July 26, 2012, City responsible for licensing natural gas installers per Gary Wiggins with SC Building Codes Council.