



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR KITCHEN REMODEL CBC 2016**

1. A dedicated circuit for a dishwasher is required.
2. A dedicated circuit for a disposal is required.
3. A dedicated circuit for a microwave, if built-in, is required.
4. At least two 20 amp dedicated small appliance circuits for the outlets serving the countertop surfaces are required.
5. All outlets serving countertop surfaces are to be ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) protected. Required outlets serving wet bar sinks are to be ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) protected within 6 feet of the outer edge of the sink.
6. All kitchen's permanent lighting wattage shall come from high efficacy light fixtures (e.g. fluorescent).
  - Permanent fluorescent lighting at all indoor rooms shall be by 4-pin fluorescent fixtures.
  - All light fixtures that are to be recessed into insulated ceilings (can lights) shall be insulation contact (I.C.) rated so that insulation can be placed over them. The light fixture housing shall be airtight to prevent conditioned air escaping into the attic or ceiling cavity and unconditioned air infiltrating from the attic or ceiling cavity into the conditioned space.
7. Outlets are required at all countertops 12" or wider and are to be placed such that no point along the wall is more than 24" away from an outlet.
8. At least one receptacle outlet shall be installed at each island or peninsular counter space with a long dimension of 24 inches or greater and a short dimension of 12 inches or greater. A peninsular countertop is measured from the connecting edge.
9. Countertop spaces separated by range tops, refrigerators, or sinks shall be considered as separate countertop spaces in applying the requirements of number 7 and 8 above. Where space behind Island sink or range top is less than 12 inches a receptacle is required for the counter spaces on each side.
10. Receptacle outlets shall be located not more than 20 inches above the countertop. Receptacle outlets shall not be installed in a face-up position in the work surfaces or countertops. Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place or appliances occupying dedicated space shall not be considered as these required outlets. Required outlets shall not be installed more than 12 inches below countertop or where countertop overhangs more than 6 inches.
11. Smoke detectors are required in all bedrooms, centrally located in areas leading to bedrooms, one at each story, and one in the basement. Install smoke detectors within 12 inches of the highest point of ceiling.
12. Carbon Monoxide alarms are required in all areas leading to bedrooms and at each floor level.
13. All knob and tube wiring that is exposed when walls are opened must be removed back to the attic or under floor accessible spaces and spliced in a junction box with romex, or other approved wiring method, to be run back to the original location. Knob and tube boxes must be replaced to accommodate new wiring type. If removal of wiring would necessitate opening of additional walls not in the scope of the work, and the wiring is in sound condition, then it may remain.
14. All 15 and 20 ampere receptacles shall be tamper resistant.

15. Non-Compliant Plumbing Fixture Replacement Requirements

- Effective January 1st 2014, all buildings undergoing permit alterations, additions, or improvements shall replace non-compliant plumbing fixtures with water conserving plumbing fixtures.
- Plumbing fixture replacement is required prior to issuance of completion, certificate of occupancy, or final permit approval by the local building department.

2. LED lighting system and GU-24 lamp holder shall be listed by Energy Commission and shall meet the requirement of **Table 150-C**.

<u>Watts</u>	<u>Lumens/Watts</u>
5 or less	30
>5 to 15	45
>15 to 40	60
Over 40	90

16. Domestic dishwashing machine drainage – No domestic dishwashing machine shall be directly connected to a drainage system or food waste disposer without the use of an approved dishwashing machine. Listed airgaps shall be installed with the flood level (FL) marking at or above the flood level of the sink or drain board, whichever is higher. **CPC 807.3**