

BRULE COUNTY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS **02/24/25**

Section 1521 Building Permits

No construction shall commence on any building or structure, which meets any one (1) of the criteria listed below without a permit therefore, issued by the Zoning Administrator. A building permit shall not be issued by the Zoning Administrator except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance, unless they receive a written order from the Board of Adjustment in the form of an administrative review, conditional use, or variance as provided by this Ordinance. All building permits are subject to the appeal process; therefore, any work begun prior to the five (5) day appeal period shall be at the owner's risk.

Building permits are required in the following instances:

1. For any structure or building in which the structure or building is erected, partially erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered;
2. For any structure or building in which the use for that structure or building is significantly changed; or
3. For any structure or building, regardless of cost if additional land or area is required for the improvements to be sited on.

An exemption/exception from a building permit does not automatically preclude the activity from the remaining zoning regulations. Exceptions to building permits shall be:

1. Remodeling, improvements, or maintenance provided such activity does not include structural alterations or require additional land or space;
2. Concrete slabs on grade;
3. Fences, corrals, and windbreaks pursuant to Section 517;

Failure to obtain a building permit prior to commencing actual construction shall be subject to the penalties within Section 2103

Section 2101 Complaints Regarding Violations

Whenever a violation of this Ordinance occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a complaint. Such complaint stating fully the causes and basis thereof shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator shall record properly such complaints with the Board of Adjustment and investigate and act thereon as provided by this Ordinance.

Section 2103 Penalties for Violations

The owner or agent of a building or premises in or upon which a violation of any provisions of this Ordinance has been committed or shall exist, or lessee or tenant of an entire building or entire premises in or upon which such violation shall exist, shall be subject to any or all of the following:

3. **A fine not to exceed five hundred (500) dollars pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 as amended, for each violation;**
4. Imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for each violation; or
5. By both fine and imprisonment; and
6. An action for civil injunctive relief, pursuant to SDCL 21-8.

In addition, all costs and expenses involved in the case shall be paid by the defendant; each day such violation continues shall be a separate offense.

Any architect, engineer, builder, contractor, agent, or other person, who commits, participates in, assists in or maintains such violation may each be found guilty of a violation of the Ordinance and be subject to the same penalties herein provided.

In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure or land is used in violation of this Ordinance, the Zoning Administrator or a designee as determined by the County Commission may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, or use; to restrain, correct or abate such violation; to prevent the occupancy of said building, structure or land; or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises.