

Frequently Asked Questions Rental Housing Permit

Do I need a permit to rent a residential property? Yes, the City of Newton requires all owners of rental property to have a rental permit.

Is there a cost? Yes, permits are required yearly. Fees are:

\$30 per single family unit

\$50 per duplex

\$25 per unit for multi-unit buildings

What requirements are there to obtain a permit? The Fire Marshal or a representative of the fire department will inspect the property. Inspections address health and safety areas, for example exiting, heating and electrical are some of the areas inspected. An inspection checklist is available at the Fire Department located at 410 S 2nd Ave W.

Do I need to have my rental permit renewed yearly? Yes,

Do I need to have my rental property inspected yearly? Yes, one of the requirements for a rental permit is to pass an inspection process. There are exceptions in that properties that have a good inspection history will be required to have an inspection every 2 years. These property owners can request that the inspection be done yearly.

How do I obtain a permit? Call the Newton Fire Department at 641-792-3347 or stop by at 410 S. 2nd Av. W. to schedule an appointment to have a rental housing inspection.