Senate Bill 770
Effective October 1, 2016

Effective October 1, 2016 legislation was passed that offers exclusions for certain minor activities in existing Residential and Commercial applications. Although permits are not required for these projects, it's still recommended that permits be pulled to allow Code Enforcement Officials the opportunity to ensure that the work being done, is in fact code compliant and deemed safe. See below for additional information including a link to Senate Bill 770.

Exclusion for Certain Minor Activities

No permit shall be required for any construction, installation, repair, replacement or alteration costing less than 15K, unless it involves any of the following:

1. The addition, repair or replacement of load bearing structures.
2. The addition or change in the design of plumbing.
3. The addition, replacement or change in design of heating, air conditioning, or electrical wiring, appliances or equipment.
4. The use of materials not permitted by the Residential Code.
5. The addition of roofing.

Permit Not Required:

1. Replace siding
2. Replace doors or windows
3. Replace pickets, railings, treads, decking of exterior porches or decks
4. Roof replacement
5. Replace plumbing fixtures in same location (no change to size or capacity)
6. Replace water line (no change to size or capacity)
7. Replace sewer line (no change to size or capacity)
8. Replace back flow (no change to size or capacity)

Permit not required in residential or commercial:
If performed by licensed contractor and no electrical wires added or moved:

1. Replace water heater like for like (no change to: energy use, fuel type, location, routing & size of venting or piping)
2. Repair or replace dishwasher
3. Repair or replace disposal
4. Repair or replacement of electrical devices or lighting fixtures

For additional information view the summary of the bill at:
http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/documentsites/committees/senatefinance/2016/6-15-2016/S770-NC%20Farm%20Act%20of%202016%20Summary.pdf