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Dzala General Contractor Details Dental Office Remodel Permits

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TYSONS, VA - Dzala General Contractor has published an article that explains the permit path for remodeling a dental practice in Northern Virginia. The piece, dated November 11, 2026, covers building permits, trade permits, X-ray shielding and occupancy certificates. It notes that requirements change and should be confirmed with the office that regulates the address.

The full dental remodel guide says a practice remodel in Fairfax County needs a commercial Addition/Alteration building permit for the interior work, plus trade permits for plumbing, electrical and HVAC. Interior alterations, demolition, metal stud work and new tenant layouts are listed as ALTC work, applied for online in PLUS. Cabinetry, paint, trim and floor finishes alone do not need a county permit.

Plumbing, electrical and mechanical work are trade permits, filed after the building permit is issued and linked to it. Plans are not required for those trade permits. For new HVAC, an Air Leakage/Duct Leakage Test form must be submitted and approved before the final inspection is called.

Several county teams may review the plans, including Building Plan Review, the Fire Marshal's Office and Zoning. Projects in the Towns of Vienna or Clifton need separate Town approval. Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, Montgomery County and Washington DC each run their own commercial permit offices.

Under Virginia radiation protection rule 12VAC5-481-280, shielding plans and equipment arrangement for new or modified X-ray rooms must be available to the Virginia Department of Health before construction starts. The agency may require a private inspector to determine the shielding first. Exposure switches should be permanently mounted outside the operatory, and stretch cords are not allowed in new office settings.

“The shielding design has to be ready before construction and affects wall construction and door choices,” said Nataliia Megreladze, owner of Dzala General Contractor. “A dental office remodeling contractor in Northern Virginia should plan the building permit, the trade permits, the shielding and the occupancy certificate from the first drawing.”

A new Certificate of Occupancy, called a Non-RUP in Fairfax County, is required for a new tenant space or a change in owner or tenant name. Buying an existing practice or opening in a new suite usually means a new Non-RUP. The fee is $95 as of November 11, 2026, and the Town of Vienna, not the county, handles this step for Vienna businesses.

The guide sets out a sequence: confirm the jurisdiction and the current certificate, bring in the medical physicist early, then apply for the ALTC permit. The owner registers the X-ray machine with the Virginia Department of Health after installation. Dzala General Contractor remodels existing commercial interiors, including dental offices and medical practices, and does not take on ground-up construction.

Service details are listed on the company's commercial remodeling services page. Dzala General Contractor is based at 8609 Westwood Center Dr Ste 110, Unit 119, Tysons, VA 22182, and can be reached at +1 703-919-1645. Readers can locate Dzala General Contractor on Google Maps and read the full article.

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