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Residential Building Permits—Commonly Asked Questions

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What application should I use?

> Our office has two applications. One application for all residential permits. One application for all commercial permits. Applications are available online or in B&Z office.

What type of work needs a permit?

> Permits are required for all new 1,2, 3-family structures, additions, remodels, fire damage, decks, detached structures, electrical installations, swimming pools, fireplace, wood/burning stoves, any structural changes, change of use, any commercial construction or use.

Do all building permits require a zoning permit?

> A Zoning permit is required for all applications with the following exceptions:
> Electrical, HVAC, Renovation (where existing footprint of structure is not increased), Agricultural Use Exemption, Un-zoned Townships (Clark & Washington)

Do I need a permit for an Agricultural Structure?

> If the Zoning Inspector has verified that the structure is being used in conjunction with the Agricultural Use of the land, there is no building permit, only an electrical permit if electric is installed. A plot plan is still required with appropriate approvals.

Do I need drawings for a deck?

> Yes, you will also need to apply for a zoning permit to ensure proper setbacks.

Do I need a permit for a swimming pool?

> Yes, all above ground or inground swimming pools require a building and zoning permit.

Do I need a permit for a shed or carport?

> Yes, if over 200 square feet a building and zoning permit is required. If under 200 square feet, only a zoning permit is required.

Do I need a permit for a fence?

> Not required unless taller than 8'.

Do I need a permit for a roof?

> Only if you are putting in new trusses/rafters.

How long does it take to get a permit?

> Plans are reviewed in order that they are received. Residential plan review takes approximately 7-10 business days.