

FAQ'S for Building Inspector

How do I obtain a building permit?

Building permits are processed through the Milan Township Building Department. Dave, the Building Inspector can assist you in determining the types of permits needed, provide information on the applicable ordinances and codes governing the project you are commencing and provide inspections to ensure your construction is in compliance with township ordinances and state and federal codes.

Do I need a permit for a fence?

Milan Township does require a permit for the installation of a fence through the Zoning Department, if it is greater than 6 feet in height.

How long does it take to process a building permit?

It will typically take up to 3 working days to have your building permit processed.

What information is needed to apply for a building permit?

Dimensions of all necessary structures on the property; Dimensions of house and garage;
Distance from the property line; Location of easements; Mortgage survey if possible
Completed application; Working drawings

How much is the building permit cost?

Fees for permits are based upon the square footage of the structure and the scope of working being done.

How deep do footings need to be for a deck?

State of Michigan requires a 42 inch footing.

What type of improvements require permits?

Additions to a home or a garage, central air, replacement of roof trusses or new plywood, enlargement of windows or doors, removal or relocation of a barring wall, siding, swimming pools, a new garage, shed, deck, or other accessory structures. Shed: (accessory structure)

Any structure 200 Sq. Ft. and under - does not require a building permit, but must follow zoning setback requirements.

Any structure 201 sq. ft. and over - does require a building permit. Accessory Structures:

No detached accessory building or structure shall be located closer than ten (10) feet to any other building or structure unless the accessory building or structure shall have rated fire walls as provided by the Michigan Construction Code.

Detached structures with rated fire walls may be located within three (3) feet of any other building or structure.

All detached accessory structures in any residential district shall be subject to the same dimensional requirements affecting the principal structure, however, such accessory structure may be placed not less than five (5) feet from any rear lot line or the rear yard portion of any side lot line; and shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet in height.

All accessory structures in non-residential districts shall be subject to the same standards and requirements as are required for all principal structures within such districts.

Packing or storage crates, parts or all of a semi-trailer, and similar converted structures shall not be used as accessory structures in any zoning district, except agricultural. Railroad cars shall not be used as accessory structures in any zoning district.

What type of improvements do not require permits?

Painting, installation of patio stones, second layer of shingles, siding, replacement windows, and dry wall.