

Franklin Township

Building Code and Permit Information

A Guide to Permit Requirements, Building and Zoning Codes

Whether a property owner or a licensed professional the application process to obtain a permit is the same. The following code and permit information should answer the questions most frequently asked. If something has been left out please don't hesitate to call (517) 467-7874 or email Bruce below

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Codes Currently in Effect

Building Codes:	2009 MRC (Michigan Residential Code) 2012 Exp. Fall 2015 2012 MBC (Michigan Building Code) Effective 10/09/14 2009 MUEC (Mich. Uniform Energy Code) 2013 Exp. Fall 2015 2012 Michigan Rehabilitation Code – Effective 10/09/14 Michigan Barrier Free Code
Electrical Code:	2009 MEC (Michigan Electrical Code) 2012 Exp. Fall 2015 2011 NEC with State Part 8 – Effective 12/2/09
Mechanical Code:	2012 Michigan Mechanical Codes – Effective 9/27/13 Permits issued and enforced by the State of Michigan.
Plumbing Code:	2012 Michigan Plumbing Code – Effective 1/17/14 Permits issued and enforced by the State of Michigan.
Building Design Information:	Ground Snow Load – 20/25 PSF Wind Load – 90 MPH Seismic Zone – Seismic Design Class A Area Frost Line Depth – 42 inches

Construction / Work requiring a Building Permit

New Dwellings	Accessory buildings (greater than 200 SF)	Basement Remodel
Sheds (greater than 200 SF)	Attached Garages	Porches
Decks	Pole Bldgs. (greater than 200 SF)	Sunrooms
Signs (10 ft. or taller)	Pools (above & below ground)	Demolition
Additions	Remodeling & Alterations	Structural Repairs
Roofing	Replacement Windows	Siding

REMINDER: ALL PROJECTS REQUIRE A ZONING APPROVAL, EVEN THOUGH A BUILDING PERMIT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC WORK, INCLUDING APPROVED 100% AGRICULTURAL USE BUILDINGS

Licensing Requirements

Building permits and work for residential construction may be obtained and performed by either the property owner or a Michigan State licensed contractor. If work is being contracted for more than a \$600 value, a State of Michigan Licensed contractor is required. Recent legislation has been passed regulating licensed and unlicensed contractors.