

Building Department Permit Information

Building Department Notice

Starting January 1, 2018, all Building and Electric permits will be issued at the Township Code Authority, 220 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, MI 48640.

Permits are required for all buildings. Buildings/sheds 200 sq. feet or less will need a zoning permit and buildings over 200 sq. feet require a building permit. Accessory buildings over 600 sq. feet and larger must have frost protected footings. Re-shingle permits are required for residential and commercial buildings. Fencing over 6 feet high, structural remodeling, decks over 30" above grade, additions, swimming pools over 24" deep, etc.

Building permits are not required for the following: a fence not over 6 feet high, a retaining wall not more than 4 feet in height, a sidewalk or driveway, painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinet counter tops and similar finish work, a prefabricated swimming pool that is less than 24 inches deep, swings and other playground equipment accessory to a 1-2 family dwelling, window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.

Emergency repairs where equipment replacements and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.

The purpose of the codes is to provide minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare.