

Homeowner versus Contractor Application Information

Please note that when you sign any Permit Application you are signing a statement indicating that you know and will abide by the code requirements and laws relating to the project you propose to undertake. If you do not know the codes, it may be beneficial for you to hire a licensed contractor to perform the work. This may prevent expensive mistakes or loss of time.

The Building & Zoning Departments responsibility is to inspect your work and verify its compliance with the current State Code or National Electrical Code.

Inspectors are not allowed to tell you how to do the work or solve problems with the construction, electrical wiring, plumbing or mechanical systems. It is not the Inspectors responsibility to inform you of all the applicable building, electrical, mechanical, or plumbing codes for your project.

Inspectors will answer any specific code questions and tell you if what you have done or propose to do will meet the appropriate code.

Permits are required to have periodic inspections. If the project is not started or you do not have an inspection within six (6) months, your permit may be canceled. Also, if it is stopped for any reason for more than six (6) months, your permit may be canceled. Contact the appropriate Inspector and explain the delay, as the permit may be extended.

Any portion of equipment that is intended to be concealed by any permanent portion of the structure will not be concealed until it has been inspected and approved. Equipment will not be put into normal operation until it has had a final inspection and been approved.

The information we request at the time of application for a permit is required by law under the Michigan Construction Code Act (M.C.L.A. 125.1523). We are required to keep this information and all other pertinent documents (including inspection notices) in the Township's possession.