

### **WHO MAY APPLY FOR A PERMIT?**

Property owners or licensed contractors may apply for a building permit or a sub-permit. Contractors must provide a certificate under Michigan Act 135. Property owners doing their own work will be required to sign an "Owner-Builder Declaration" stating that they are actually doing their own work and are exempt from the requirements for having Workers' Compensation Insurance or they will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PERMIT?**

The first step is to fill out a Building Permit Application form. This form is furnished by the Building Department and must be submitted for all construction. The form must be completely filled out and signed. If the applicant is lacking any information asked for on the form, this should be brought to the attention of the staff member accepting the application so that he or she can assist the applicant in completing the form.

For an interior remodeling project, the applicant must submit two copies of complete floor plans with details indicating the proposed changes. Be sure to indicate clearly what is new work, what is existing, what is to remain and what is to be removed.

For additions or new construction, the applicant must submit two sets of drawings with appropriate scales for plan review. Note one set of the drawings will be returned when the building permit is issued.

Before preparing your plans, be sure to check with the Midland County Drain Commission to see if you are in a flood zone or within 500 ft. of a lake, stream, river, pond or county drain. This requirement applies to all applications for exterior modifications and you must supply a legal description of the property for all exterior modifications.

Construction work must start within 180 days of the issuance of the permit. If work has not been started and no inspections have been called for in this period, the permit will be declared null and void. The permit may be renewed for one-half the original permit fee if no change in the plans are made, but the renewal process may only be used up to one year after issuance. Beyond that time a new application and fee will be required.

The Building Official may extend an expired permit once for a period not exceeding 180 days on written request by the permit holder showing reason(s) for not commencing the construction.

### **HOW MUCH WILL THE PERMIT COST?**

Building Permits are based on the individual township schedules and will be assessed when the plan review is made.

## **MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATIONS**

July 15, 1998, was the effective date of several changes to the Manufactured Housing Commission rules. One of the most significant changes prohibits retailers from installing manufactured homes under their retailer licenses. The reviewed rules require a person to have an installers/service license to "install" or "uninstall" a manufactured home unless the person is an individual employed by the manufacturer of the home.

The new rules also clarify that a manufactured home must be installed according to its manufacturer's installation instructions. In the absence of the manufacturer's installation instructions, a home must be installed in compliance with specifications prepared by a professional engineer. If no professional engineer is available, then a home's installation must comply with Commission Rule 602 (2)

Any questions about the Commission Rules may be addressed to the Manufactured Housing Division at [989] 334-6203.

**NOTE:** Homeowners may install their own manufactured home, BUT MAY NOT SUB-CONTRACT OUT ANY OF THE WORK. (See "Who May Apply for a Permit")

**ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL & PLUMBING PERMITS** are extra permits that may be required for the type of construction work performed. Building Permits do not include Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Permits.

**WE WANT TO SERVE YOU:** Please note that the requirements for the permits are mandated by the State of Michigan and Local Ordinances of your Township.