

BOROUGH OF ECONOMY BUILDING PERMITS INFORMATION

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BUILDING PERMITS ARE ISSUED BY THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ONLY

TIME: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, MONDAY through FRIDAY

PLACE: Municipal Building, 2856 Conway Wallrose Road, 869-4779 Ext. 3

THE FOLLOWING CODES ARE HEREBY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF ECONOMY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REMOVAL, REPAIR, DEMOLITION, MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY, INCLUDING PERMITS AND PENALTIES.

- **International Building Code 2006** (base code for commercial construction)
- **International Residential Code 2006** (code for one and two family dwellings no more than 3 stories in height)
- **ICC Electrical Code 2006** (utilizes *National Electric Code 2005* standards)
- **International Energy Conservation Code 2006**
- **International Existing Building Code 2006**
- **International Fire Code 2006**
- **International Fuel Gas Code 2006**
- **International Mechanical Code 2006**
- **International Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities 2006** (provides alternative compliance approach)
- **International Plumbing Code 2006**
- **International Wildland-Urban Interface Code 2006**

ITEMS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT ARE:

1. Proof of payment for Municipal Tap-in fee or Approved septic permit
2. Proof of Workers' Compensation/Self Insurance OR Workers' Comp. Affidavit.
3. Two full sets of working drawings of proposed work (as per Section 106, 2006 International Residential Code).
4. **Specifications** (Materials list acceptable on small projects only, such as decks or sheds)
5. Plot Plan/outline of lot and location of proposed and existing buildings placed on the outline of the lot. Be sure to include all property dimensions plus dimensions of existing and new construction.
6. Parcel Number. This is on your property tax statement. 60-___-___-___
7. Serial Number from PA-ONE Call System Confirmation (1-800 242-1776) ___
8. Estimated cost of the project
9. For building on state roads, an approved driveway permit from PENNDOT is required before a building permit can be issued. (CONTACT PENNDOT at 724-774-6610, ext 201)
10. All building plans must be submitted to the Borough Code Enforcement Office. All attempts are made to issue permits **within 15 business days after receipt of all required materials for Residential and 30 days for Commercial**. The Code Officer will notify you when your permit is ready to be issued.
11. Check or money order **only**. **NO CASH PLEASE**. (Payable upon pick up of permit).

Economy Borough
Building & Zoning Fee Schedule
 (Effective April 1, 2007)

1. Single or Two Family dwellings, alteration, additions	\$0.25/sq.ft.
a) Minimum fee for new construction	150.00
b) Minimum fee for alterations or additions	40.00
c) Minimum fee for mobile and modular homes including foundation, crawlspace inspection	150.00
2. Garages, barns, sheds, and like storage structures;	
a) More than 100 square feet and alterations/additions	\$0.20/sq.ft.
b) Minimum fee for new construction	25.00
c) Minimum fee, alterations/additions	20.00
3. Zoning Permits for Accessory Structures of less than 1000 square feet	40.00
4. Decks, porches, patios, similar construction, alterations, additions.	\$0.20/sq.ft.
a) Minimum fee, new construction	25.00
b) Minimum fee, alterations/additions	20.00
5. Installation or alterations to fireplaces, wood burning stoves, & chimneys	25.00
6. Driveway Permit	20.00
7. Demolition	
a) Razing of existing residential structure	30.00
b) Razing of existing commercial structure	0.05/sq.ft.
8 Pools and Related	
a) Above ground swimming pool	40.00
	(plus occupancy, deck/patio, zoning plan review, & electrical inspection)
b) Inground swimming pool	0.20/sq.ft.
	(plus occupancy, deck/patio, zoning plan review, & electrical inspection)
c) Spas, hot tubs, hydro massage tubs, etc.	25.00 each
	(plus additional fees if applicable)
9. Plan Review Categories	
a) Plan Review for Zoning Permits	10.00
b) Plan Review for Residential Building	40.00
	(first two hrs, plus 20.00 for each additional hr)
c) Plan Review for Commercial Building	
- Alteration, addition, or repair to existing	40.00
	(first two hrs. 20.00 for each additional hr)
- New Construction	.0012 X Construction Value
d) Revisions to existing Permits	
- Minor revisions	25.00
- Major revisions	20.00/hour

10. Occupancy Permit categories	
a) Residential Occupancy	15.00
b) Commercial Occupancy	35.00
c) Zoning Occupancy/Certificate Of compliance letter	10.00
d) Razing Certificate of Compliance letter	5.00
11. Re-inspection/Special inspections	30.00
12. Signs	
a) Each Sign or Freestanding Monument	110.00
b) Building signs	85.00
c) Panel Replacement	20.00
13. Pa. Dept. of Community and Economic Development fee	4.00
14. Commercial, industrial, public, semi-public, non-residential structures, dwellings for three or more residences; alterations, additions thereto	
a) 10,000 square foot and under	0.25/sq.ft.
b) 10,000 to 25,000 square foot	0.20/sq.ft.
c) 25,000 square foot or more	0.15/sq.ft.
d) Minimum fee, new construction	200.00
e) Minimum fee, alterations or additions	125.00
15 Fire Prevention	
a) Installation, enlargement, alteration and repair of sprinkler, fire detection, commercial kitchen exhausts systems and related fire safety devices.	150.00 (plus plan review)
b) Annual testing of sprinkler systems, fire detection systems, and related fire safety devices in existing buildings	25.00
c) Installation of above or below ground tanks	100.00
16. Stop Work Orders/Working Without Permit	100.00
17. Residential structural alterations	50.00
18. Building Code Board of Appeals	250.00

PERMIT FACT SHEET

(Effective 4-1-2007)

YOUR SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to the following:

This permit is granted on the express condition that the said construction shall, in all respects, conform to the Ordinances of this jurisdiction including the Zoning Ordinance, regulating the construction and use of buildings, and may be revoked at any time upon violation of any provision of said ordinances.

- A) Permits are not valid if construction work is not started within six (6) months from date permit is issued.
- B) The Contractor shall be sure that all driveway cuts do not result in mud on streets. As per Article 4 Section 124-18 of the Code, the Contractor shall be responsible for the daily cleanup of any mud tacked onto the roadway.
- C) A listing of all Sub-Contractors must be provided to this office along with proof of Insurance. Any additions not provided at this time of issuance must be supplied within 24 hrs. of the time that contractor begins work on the site. Failure to comply can result in the voiding of the permit. No weekend inspections.
- D) The Contractor shall have a Dumpster delivered to the site and arrange for it to be emptied on a regular schedule. Fines will be imposed for materials that are allowed to blow around the neighborhood. Chapter 14 of the 2006 International Fire Code are to be followed.
- E) Any deviation from the approved plans must be authorized prior to beginning these changes. An additional permit fee is also charged predicated on the extent of the variation from the original plans.
- F) Radon piping is required in Beaver County in all new construction. See IRC 2006 Appendix F for full instructions. Radon piping is to be clearly identified.
- G) All Beams must rest on solid masonry not less than 4" thick. All shims must be steel plates.
- H) It is the responsibility of the contractor to be sure all work is done in compliance with the 2006 International Code Series and all codes of Economy Borough.
- I) **Occupancy may not be attempted until after a Final Inspection and issuance of an Occupancy Permit.**
- J) NO BURNING IS PERMITTED ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AT THIS TIME WITHOUT A BURN PERMIT ISSUED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL or Code Enforcement Officer.
- K) **The attached approved plans and specs must be kept on the construction site for inspection until all work has been completed and final approvals have been received.**
- L) All Plans submitted for work to be done above and existing structure MUST carry a Design Professional Seal.
- M) Full working drawings must include structural, cross sections, footprints, footer and/or basement and all electrical, plumbing (including Radon) and mechanicals. All drawings must show dimensions.
- N) Please also be sure to have all approvals from any and all Municipal Authority available when submitting plans for permit.

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

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- A) The permit given at this time must be displayed on premises in clear sight. All new buildings, additions and alterations to existing buildings require a minimum of four (4) inspections. Those inspections shall include but not limited to: (1) Footings, after installation of reinforcement bars but before pour, (2) foundation to placement of beams (3) Framing prior to finish covering but after firestopping, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems are installed, (4) Final inspection when building or structure is completed but prior to occupancy. Non-residential work will be subject to additional inspections at the direction of the Code Enforcement Officer. A complete list of required inspections will be issued during finalization of permit.
- B) **CONFIRM** with Code Enforcement Officer Request for Inspections should be made by phone call to the Code Enforcement Office at 724-869-4779 Ext. 3 at least 24-48 Hours in advance of all inspections the date and time requested. Painting or decorating is not required before the Final Building Inspection.
- C) **The Code Enforcement Officer reserves the right to reject any work which has been concealed or completed without first having been inspected and approved by the Code Enforcement Office in accordance with the requirements of the various codes.**
- D) Footers shall be designed for the most unfavorable effects due to the combination of loads specified in Section 403 of the International Building Code 2006. Concrete footers shall be a specified compressive strength of not less than 2,500 psi at 28 days. A minimum of two ½” reinforcement bars shall be required in all footers. Reinforcement steel shall be properly anchored and tied. No loose rods, bricks or string will be accepted. Bulkheads must be securely anchored to prevent seepage. **Inspection must be made after steel is in place and before concrete is poured. Block work may not be applied to a new footer for a minimum of 5-7 days OR until footer has reached a minimum of 50% of compression strength**
- E) Hardwired Smoke detectors with battery back up are required in all bedrooms plus one on each floor.
- F) NO SURFACE DRAINAGE IS PERMITTED.
- G) All electric work is subject to a minimum of two inspections. Rough in and Final Inspections. The Borough of Economy does not do these inspections but requires the owner to have Electrical Inspections done by a Certified Electrical Inspector of your choice at your expense. Proof of inspection is required.
- H) **Occupancy may not be attempted until after a Final Inspection and issuance of an Occupancy Permit.**
- I) Cutting, notching and drilling shall not exceed 40% of a single stud or 60% of a double stud on baring or exterior walls and 60% of stud on non-bearing walls. Openings shall not exceed ¼” additional of pipe or cable size installed within.

Top plates must be installed on all notches. Nail shields must be used at both top and bottom of plates to protect pipe and ducts.
- J) All vents including dryer vents must be fully compliant with the IRC requirements and must be clearly detailed on drawings.