



PENN TOWNSHIP

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

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REVISED - FAQ's Regarding Permits During Coronavirus

Are building inspections being conducted for construction projects?

- Starting this Friday, May 1, 2020 all construction which had been ordered to be ceased by the Governor will again be permitted within Penn Township and across the state of Pennsylvania. It is solely the responsibility of contractors to be sure that they are in complete compliance with guidance and requirements as they have been released by the State with regards to Covid-19. **No work that requires permits shall be started until any and all applicable approvals have been granted as is required per applicable laws.**

Can I start construction?

- If you have pickup and paid for an approved permit, construction may commence on Friday, May 1, 2020. It is solely the responsibility of contractors to be sure that they are in complete compliance with guidance and requirements as they have been released by the State with regards to Covid-19.

May I complete my customer's residential construction project?

- Yes, starting Friday, May 1, 2020, all construction may commence as per the Governor's order.

Can applications and plans be submitted to Penn Township during the Governor's order?

- Any and all UCC permit applications must be submitted either in person (via the box out front, initially), via First Class Mail, or a similar delivery service, unless prior arrangements have been made with me. It is also encouraged for applicants to provide an electronic copy of the application however only paper hard-copy applications will receive formal review.

Will my building permit application be reviewed for compliance with the UCC and will I be able to meet with the Zoning & Codes Officer to discuss my project?

- Yes, as part of the Governor's order to allow construction to commence, submitted hard-copy applications will be reviewed for compliance with the UCC in the order that they have been received. The Zoning & Codes Officer may begin meeting with applicants to discuss their projects in-person if requested by the applicant, though I reserve the right to not offer meetings based upon current health related information at that time. All in-person meetings must be scheduled with me for them to occur, and walk-ins will not be permitted at this time. No meetings will be held unless in strict compliance with all recommendations by the CDC and the State of Pennsylvania, or without my gaining prior approval by the Township Manager. If an applicant is not complying with local, state, and federal recommendations they will be asked to leave until they are in compliance with all safety measures.

Will approved permits be released during the Governor's shutdown?

- Yes, approved permit placards will be released as a result of the Governor's order allow construction to commence.

If you have specific questions that relate to the current permitting process of Penn Township, please send an email to zoning@penntwplanco.org. Due to this unique situation, please be advised that this guidance and information may be changed or amended at any time, and is subject to change without notice.

Respectfully,



Matthew Reeser

Penn Township Building Code Official – Zoning and Codes Officer