

FAQs about Zoning

1. When do I need a building permit?

If you are building, most likely you will need a permit.

2. Will I need a permit to make repairs?

If you replace a door, window, etc., no.

If you alter the size, yes.

If repairs exceed \$20,000, yes.

3. Is a permit required for additions?

Yes.

4. How do I figure the cost of a permit?

Talk to the Zoning Officer.

5. Where do I get the forms?

On line on this website or see the Zoning Officer.

6. Do I need a permit for a shed?

Yes, if it is greater than 144 square feet.

7. Can I build a carport without a permit?

No.

8. Where can I put a manufactured home?

In the AR district only.

9. Will I need a permit to put in a sewer system?

Yes.

10. Do I need a permit to upgrade an existing sewer system?

Yes.

11. Do I need a permit to place a pre-built portable shed on my property?

Yes.

12. Do I need a permit to build a dock?

DEC requires one.

Contact Zoning Officer for more details.

13. Is there always a charge for permits?

Yes.

14. How long can I, or someone else, stay in a camping trailer on my property?

Contact Zoning Officer for more info.

15. How many homes can I build on my property?

One, unless you subdivide.

Call Zoning Officer for details.

16. How elaborate do my plans have to be?

If it is over 1500 square feet, it requires engineer drawings.

17. Can I live in a new structure without a C.O.?

No.

18. How close can I build to my neighbor's property with and/or without their permission?

Permission makes no difference.

Call Zoning Officer or see setbacks on line.

19. What does a stop work order mean?

Stop all work until further notice.

20. My lot size has to be at least how many square feet in order to build?

20,000 square feet for a lot of record.

30,000 square feet for a conforming lot.

21. How far apart do my well and sewer have to be from each other?

100 feet.

22. Do I need a permit for a driveway?

Maybe.

Call Zoning Officer for details.