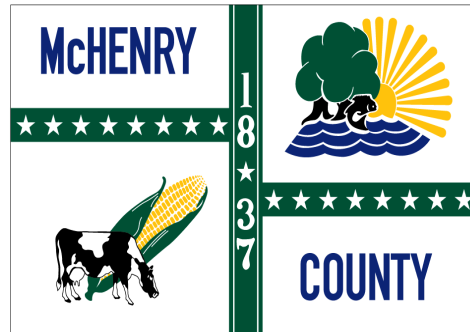


McHENRY COUNTY COUNTY

FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE:

- **BUILDING PERMITS**
- **STORMWATER/ENGINEERING REVIEW**
- **REZONING/VARIATIONS/CONDITIONAL USES**
- **SIGN PERMITS**
- **SUBDIVISION REVIEW/APPROVALS**
- **REQUEST FOR SERVICE/VIOLATIONS/ENFORCEMENT**
- **INSPECTIONS**
- **TEMPORARY USES**
- **MOTEL LICENSES**
- **FIREWORKS PERMITS**
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
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- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-BLOCK GRANTS**

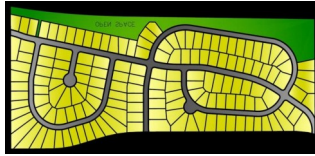


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**Planning and Development
Department**
**(Functions, Codes & Required
Permits)**

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT FUNCTIONS, CODES & PERMITS



The McHenry County Planning and Development Department is comprised of five Divisions consisting of the Administrative, Zoning, Stormwater, Building & CDBG Divisions. These divisions regulate and enforce rules, regulations, codes, ordinances etc. within the unincorporated areas of McHenry County unless a community is a noncertified communities, then our Stormwater Division will enforce county regulations in corporate limits. The CDBG Division manages and regulates grants through federal and county funding for the entire McHenry County.

Adopted Code & Ordinances

- UDO (Unified Development Ordinance)
- Stormwater Ordinance
- Historic Preservation Ordinance
- Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Spa, Barrier Ordinance
- 2006 International Residential Code
- 2006 International Building Code
- 2006 International Mechanical Code
- 2006 International Fire Code
- 2008 National Electrical Code
- Illinois State Plumbing Code
- Illinois Energy Conservation Code
- Illinois Accessibility Code

Required Permits

Projects requiring a building permit are, but not limited to:

- New, Addition or Alterations to residential and commercial buildings
- Accessory structures >150 sq. ft., Sheds, Garages, Carports, Pole Buildings
- Gazebos, Decks, Covered Porches, Pergola, Screen Porches
- Aboveground & In ground Pools, Hot Tubs & Spas.
- Retaining Walls (retaining > 4' of unbalanced fill) & Seawalls
- Factory Built Fireplace, Masonry Fireplace, Wood Burning Stoves
- Privacy Fences
- Finished Basements
- Insulation
- Lawn irrigation systems
- Agricultural buildings
- Replacing Furnaces, Water Heaters, Boilers, A/C units, etc.
- Replacing Electrical Panel, Wiring, Outlets or Fixtures
- Replacing Plumbing Fixtures, Piping (waste or vent), etc.
- Ponds, Work within a Floodplain or Wetland, etc.



No Permits Required

Some projects not requiring a building permit are:

- Accessory Structures <150 sq. ft.
- Paint, Stain, Wallpaper and Trim work
- Carpet, Ceramic, Laminate & Hardwood flooring, etc.
- New shingles & Sheathing
- New drywall
- New Siding
- Kitchen counters & cabinets
- Replacing doors and windows of the same size
- Non-privacy fences unless being used as a pool barrier or located within a floodplain
- Retaining walls retaining <4' of unbalanced fill/not hold back a surcharge
- Landscaping and tree removal
- Flat concrete work, patios, driveways, etc. (Unless one of the thresholds within the Stormwater Ordinance is triggered)

***Although a building permit may not be required, a Stormwater review and Zoning regulations may still apply.**

Further information can be found by contacting our office at (815) 334-4560 or visiting our website at www.mchenrycountyil.gov.

