

# PERMITS and INSPECTIONS

A permit grants legal permission to start a project in the City of Altoona. Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing permits are required in the City of Altoona in accordance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code. Permits allow for the enforcement of the codes to ensure safe construction.

## When Do I Need a Permit?

- Construction of any new building, both residential and commercial
- Building or repairing a deck, garage, accessory building
- Prefabricated structures and temporary structures
- Demolition of any structure or part of a structure
- Swimming pools
- Signs
- Replacing or repairing a roof, porch, foundation or siding
- Cutting away any wall, partition or portion thereof, removal or cutting of any structural beam or loadbearing support, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting egress requirements
- Four or more windows
- Four or more steps

Simple repairs such as painting, floor coverings, ceilings, cabinets, countertops, sidewalk repairs, spouting, and accessory structures less than 100 sq. ft. in size or replacing less than four windows are exempt from permit requirements.

## Permit Applications

Applications for a building permit, plumbing permit, mechanical permit, and electrical permit may be found on the Forms and Documents tab on the City's website

## Plan Reviews and Inspections - Commercial

For a commercial project, plans must be submitted to your choice of the following inspection agencies. One set of plans is also required to be submitted to the City for internal Review.

Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency  
140 E. Carroll St, PO Box 375  
Carrolltown, PA 15722  
Phone: 814-471-0424  
Email: [info@lmiagency.org](mailto:info@lmiagency.org)

Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance (PMCA)  
125 South Richard St Ste 102  
Bedford, PA 15522  
Phone 814-310-2326  
Email: [pmcabedford@pacodealliance.com](mailto:pmcabedford@pacodealliance.com)

## Plan Reviews and Inspections – Residential

The City of Altoona reviews plans and conducts inspections for all residential building, plumbing, electrical and mechanical work. Please contact City Inspector Mike Baldwin at 814-949-2406 or [mbaldwin@altoonapa.gov](mailto:mbaldwin@altoonapa.gov)