

## Inspection Requests

The contractor or builder shall be responsible for requesting a required inspection. This request must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Inspections will be made as quickly as possible, but Safety and Code Enforcement cannot guarantee the time of inspection. To request an inspection, call (610) 265-2606.

## Inspections

Inspections shall be required, as follows:

- Footings: Bearing soil, prior to pouring concrete
- Foundation: Prior to pouring concrete and prior to backfilling
- Plumbing - Separate permit required
  - outside: prior to backfill of underground sewer laterals
  - inside: prior to enclosing piping in walls, floor slabs, floors, etc.
  - final: upon completion of all work
  - in an individual disposal system: prior to placing drain tile, septic tank, or construction of leaching wells, etc. after placing the material or system and prior to backfilling
- Sprinkler - Separate permit required
  - Prior to enclosing piping in walls, ceilings, etc.
- Electrical, rough - conducted by approved 3rd party inspection agency
  - Prior to enclosing of any structural elements.

Upon completion, an inspection sticker to be placed on the electrical panel, with the approved agency the forwarding an inspection certification card to the Safety and Codes Enforcement Department.

- Structural and/or rough framing: Prior to plastering, drywall or ceiling work
- Electrical, final conducted by approved 3rd party inspection agency:
  - Upon completion of all work, must be completed prior to issuance of Use and Occupancy Permit.

Upon completion, an inspection sticker to be placed on the electrical panel, with the approved agency the forwarding an inspection certification card to the Safety and Codes Enforcement Department.

- Use and Occupancy - Separate Permit Required
  - Upon completion of all required inspections, successful testing of all emergency systems and prior to occupying the space covered by the permit.

- Roof
- Storm drainage, paving, curbing, sidewalks or driveways
- Pool

Grading and earth removal specifications to be submitted with permit application.

Pool area to be staked and setbacks verified prior to excavation.

Pool inspections include:

- steel
- electrical
- final

- Bridge and culverts
  - footings
  - pipe bedding
  - headwall
  - endwalls
  - abutments
  - decks

## **Building, Zoning and Mechanical Division Permit Fees**

- Permit fees  
Calculated utilizing current fee schedule.
- Sewer Access Rights fees  
A sewer tapping fee in an amount to be calculated by the gallons per day generated by the use of the property, as per the fees schedule adopted by the Upper Merion Municipal Utility Authority
- Highway Capital Improvement fees  
An assessment, imposed by Ordinance 84-470, upon all new traffic generators determined by applying the unit improvement cost to the peak hour traffic generated by a project.  
Peak hour traffic rates are determined by the Institute of Transportation Engineers in "Trip Generation and Informational Report, 4th edition, 1984."  
To determine the fee for a specific use, the peak hour trip generation rate for the proposed use shall be multiplied by the unit improvement cost rate, as adopted by the Upper Merion Highway/Traffic Authority.

## **Deviations From Approved Drawings**

Additions or changes to approved plans may be accomplished by submitting revised drawings. These revisions will be duly processed and approved, if in accordance with Township codes. Additional fees may be levied for revisions.

## **Non-Compliance**

The codes official, at his/her discretion, shall require that any construction performed without a permit or proper inspection, be removed, demolished, uncovered, exposed, etc, such that adequate inspections may be accomplished.

## **Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry Approvals**

Where applicable under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Fire and Panic Act (Public Law 465, as amended), Upper Merion Township permits shall not be issued until plans approval by the PA Department of Labor and Industry is evidenced.

## **Upper Merion Township Safety & Codes Enforcement Department Approvals**

A copy of the plans bearing the approval seal of the Upper Merion Township Safety and Codes Enforcement Department shall be available at the building site at all times during construction..

## **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Approvals**

All earth moving activity shall be conducted in accordance with Pennsylvania Title 35, Rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Chapter 102, Erosion Control.

Immediately upon receipt of a plan which would involve earthmoving activity which will affect five (5) or more acres, the Upper Merion Township Safety and Codes Enforcement Department shall notify PA DEP.

In the event a plan involves earthmoving activities which will affect twenty-five (25) acres, an Upper Merion Township Construction Permit will not be issued until and Erosion Control Permit, issued by PA DEP, is evidenced.

A copy of the Erosion and Sedimentation Control plan shall be available at the building site at all times during construction.

The PA Department of Environmental Protection can be reached at:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Lee Park – Suite 6010  
555 North Lane  
Conshohocken, PA 19428

## **Financial Security**

Upper Merion Township will not issue a permit and no construction of improvements shall commence until the developer/contractor provides financial security to the Township in such form as acceptable to the Township in accordance with Section 509 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

Financial security will be released during the course of the construction as the required guaranteed work is completed.