

Borough of South Williamsport Required Permits

A **Zoning Permit** is required whenever a project involves placing, constructing, expanding or altering a physical structure on your property (including driveways) or changing the use of your property. This permit confirms that the work or change in use that you are proposing is allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.

Houses, buildings and/or structures:

Any construction that changes the height, width or depth (footprint) requires a permit.

Uses:

Changing the use of vacant land, building or structure requires a permit. Changing from a commercial use to a residential use, adding a commercial use to a residential use, changing from one commercial use to a different commercial use, etc. Any temporary uses require a permit.

All accessory structures:

- Driveways
- Fences
- Garages
- Carports
- Pergolas
- Gazebos
- Pools
- Hot tubs
- Sheds
- Signs

Things that are exempt from Zoning:

- Interior-remodeling
- Roofing
- Siding
- Window replacement

A **Building Permit** is required whenever a project involves placing, constructing, expanding or altering a physical structure on your property (excluding some accessory structures) and use changes. This permit ensures that the work being done meets all state and local codes.

Houses, buildings and/or structures:

All new houses

Additions

Detached garages or accessory structures over 1000 square feet (second floor is calculated in the square feet)

Windows and doors, adding (not replacing), changing their sizes or removing (for egress)

Pools

Hot tubs

Electrical panel box or meter base

Furnaces (changing gas to oil, oil to gas, etc.)

Any structural changes (includes roofing if replacing rafters, sheathing, etc. (does not include shingles, metal roof, etc.))

Major interior remodeling (may include: electrical, plumbing, insulation, walls)

*These lists are not conclusive. If something is not on the list it does not mean it doesn't require a zoning and/or building permit. Please call the Zoning Officer if you are not sure or if you have any questions. (570) 322-0158.