

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT

1. Fully complete the application for your permit making sure to date and sign it and return it along with the required application fee. The applicant for a permit may be the owner or owner's agent. (Please note that although the application fee is non-refundable, it will be applied toward the total cost of your permit(s), with the balance due at pick-up.)
2. For residential applications, the Building Inspector has a **3 week** period to review and approve or deny your permit application. For non-residential (commercial), **6 weeks** is allotted. Make sure there are daytime and evening telephone numbers for the Building Inspector to reach you should there be any questions about your application.
3. After the application has been approved, the applicant will be contacted when the permit is ready to be picked up and informed of the balance due. At pick up you will be asked to sign all copies of the permit, pay the balance of the permit fee and you will be given a check list with the inspection requirements for your project.
4. Permits are valid for one (1) year from date of issuance. The building official is authorized to grant, in writing, one or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 180 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. An additional fee will apply.
5. If you have any questions concerning your application, please contact Kraft Code Services at 610.775.7185. If no one is available when you call, please state the municipality your call pertains to and leave a detailed message.
6. **PLEASE NOTE:** No construction may begin without paying for and receiving your approved permit. Performing work without a permit will result in the doubling of all permit fees.

PERMIT APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- The following information should be included with your permit application:
- Application fee. (*Applications received without the required application fee will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.*)**
- Completed Zoning permit application
- Fully completed building permit application
- Two (2) sets of construction drawings including the following:
 - Plot plan showing all lot lines and dimensions from new structure to front, side & rear property lines
 - Floor plans showing dimensions of room(s) and/or structure(s)
 - Footer specifications
 - Foundation specifications
 - Framing plans including the following:
 - Locations and sizes of bearing walls and/or support posts or columns
 - Beam and/or headers sizes
 - Joist and/or rafter sizes
 - Locations and sizes of egress windows
 - Elevation views
- Driveway permit (if necessary)
- Plumbing/Mechanical permit(s) (if necessary)
- Electrical permit (if necessary)
- Proof of sewage permit (if necessary)
- Proof of legal subdivision
- Proof of contractor workers' compensation insurance or notarized exemption form
- Approved erosion and sedimentation control (E & SC) plan from the Berks County Soil Conservation District for projects involving earthmoving



ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality in which work will be performed: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION:

Cost of improvement: _____ Use of property: Residential Commercial Industrial

Type of use/structure: Single family detached dwelling Single family semi-detached dwelling

Detached garage Shed Fence Deck

Addition Swimming pool Carport Covered porch

Home Occupation/No Impact Home-Based Business (attach letter detailing proposed business)

Other: _____

The proposed building or structure is to be used as a _____

Size: Length _____ Width _____ Height _____

Will electric service be installed? Yes No (If yes, electrical permit required)

Will water supply/drain pipe be installed? Yes No (If yes, plumbing permit required)

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Applicant Signature

Date

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality in which work will be performed: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Location: _____

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Fax #: _____ Cell #: _____

Street address: _____

City/ State/Zip: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Company Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Street address: _____

City/ State/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____ Fax #: _____

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER INFORMATION

Company Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Street address: _____

City/ State/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____ Fax #: _____

PROJECT INFORMATION

Cost of Improvement: _____

Subdivision Name: _____ Lot #: _____

Lot Size: _____ Use Group: _____

Type of improvement (check all that apply):

New Building Addition Alteration Demolition

Repair/replacement Other (describe): _____

Proposed use (residential):

One family Two family Accessory structure

Other (describe): _____

PROJECT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Proposed use (non-residential/commercial):

- Amusement Church Industrial Parking
 Utility Hospital Office Store

Other (describe): _____

Describe in detail the proposed use of the building (e.g. food processing, machine shop, parking garage, laundry building, etc.) If the use of the building is being changed from the current use, describe the new use:

Principal Type of Construction:

- Masonry (Wall Bearing) Wood Frame Steel Structure Reinforced Concrete

Energy/Insulation Compliance Path(only one of the following may be selected):

- IRC Chapter 11 PA Alternative International Energy Conservation Code – IECC
 (RESCHECK/COMCHECK software)

Principal Type of Heating:

- Gas Oil Electric Other: _____

Type of Sewage:

- Public Private (on-site system)

Type of Water Supply:

- Public Private (well)

Facilities:

of bedrooms _____ # of full bathrooms _____ # of partial bathrooms _____

Dimensions (residential):

Basement (sq ft) _____ 1st floor (sq ft) _____ 2nd floor (sq ft) _____

Garage (sq ft) _____ Deck (sq ft) _____ Other _____

Size of building:

of stories _____ Width _____ Length _____ Height _____

Central Air Conditioning? Yes No Elevator? Yes No

Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces: Enclosed _____ Outdoor _____

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Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

PLUMBING PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality in which work will be performed: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION:

Cost of improvement: _____

Location where improvements will be made: _____

Type of Work: New Construction Addition Alteration/Replacement

Brief description of work: _____

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

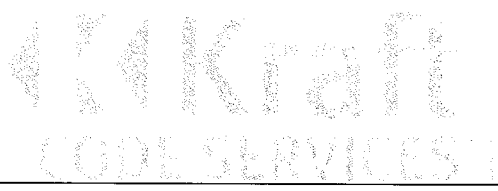
Type	#	Type	#	Type	#
Sanitary Sewer connection		Water Service connection		Miscellaneous	
Water Heater		Heating Boiler		Steam Heating Boiler	
Dom Water Piping Connections		Water Pump		Water Conditioner	
Dishwasher		Garbage Disposal		Rain Conductor	
Sanitary Sump Pump		Mechanical Systems		Other	

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Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

PLUMBING PERMIT APPLICATION
SANITARY RISER DIAGRAM

1ST floor	 Kraft CODE SERVICES
Basement	

ELECTRICAL PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality in which work will be performed: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION:

Location: _____ Cost of improvement: _____

Utility Work Order #: _____

Type of Work: New Construction Addition Alteration/Replacement Pool

Service feeder/distribution panel: New Existing Size: _____ Amps

Brief description of work: _____

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

Type	#	Type	#	Type	#
Ceiling Outlets		Ranges		Meters	
Switches		Water Heater		Subpanels	
Plug Receptacles		Heaters		Generators	
Heat/Smoke Detectors		Air Conditioners		Motors	

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Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

MECHANICAL PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality in which work will be performed: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION:

Location: _____ Cost of improvement: _____

Type of Work: New Construction Addition Alteration/Replacement Pool

Service feeder/distribution panel: New Existing Size: _____ Amps

Brief description of work: _____

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

Type	#	Type	#	Type	#
Split System Gas/Electric		Split System Electric/Electric		Heat Pump Split System	
Packaged terminal A/C		Boiler Hot Water		Steam Boiler (_____ PSI)	

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Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

DRIVEWAY PERMIT APPLICATION

Municipality in which work will be performed: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Contractor: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION:

Exact location/address of driveway or other improvement (include nearest cross street):

Type of improvement:

- Construct new driveway Pave existing driveway
- Driveway modification with State or Township right-of-way
- Install ditch, drain or sanitary sewer on State or Township street, road or right-of-way

Cost of driveway improvement: _____ Approximate date work will begin: _____

Material to be used: _____

Width of driveway: _____ Distance from centerline of roadway to gutter or ditch: _____

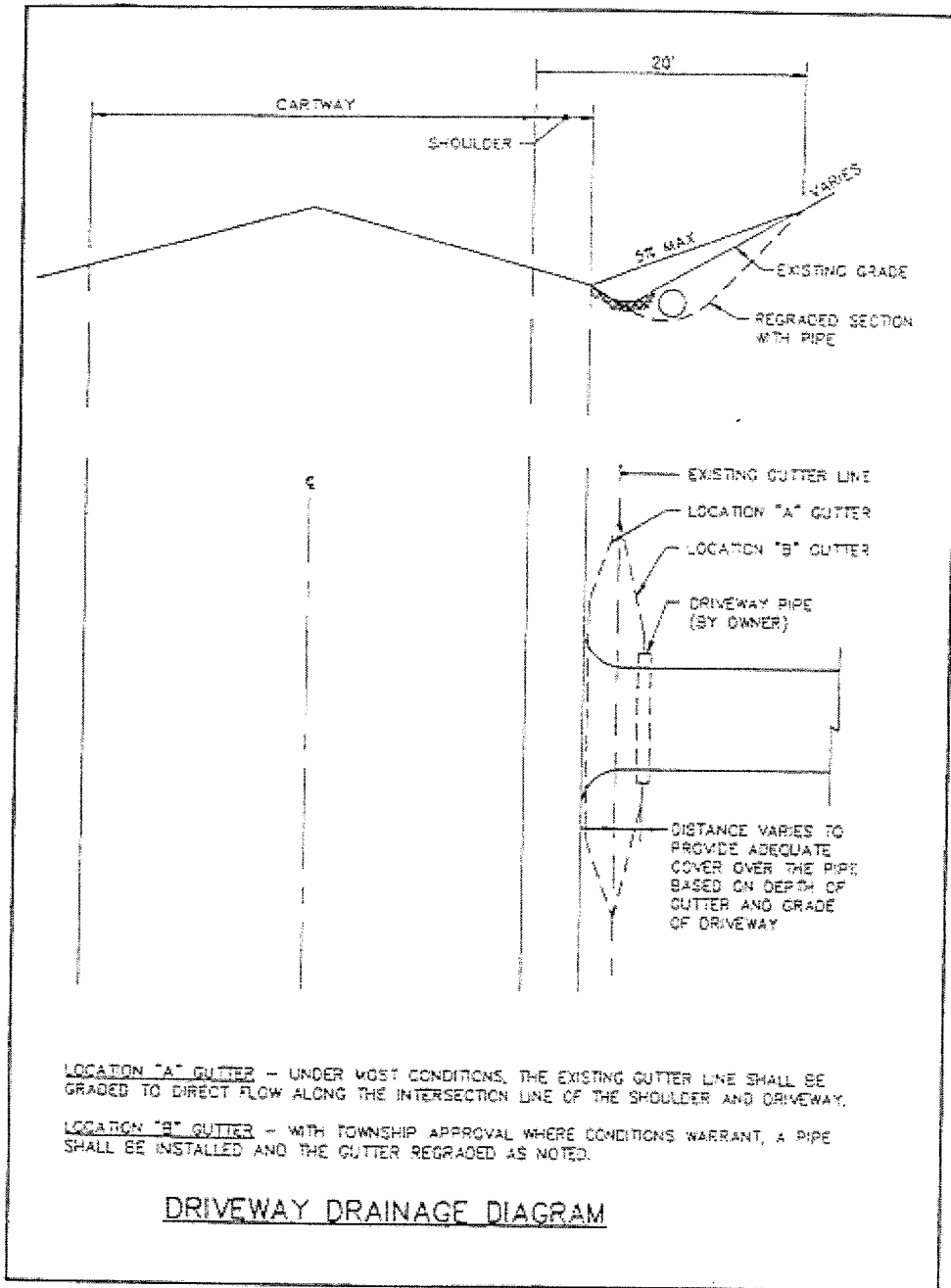
Brief description of work: _____

Note: All driveways must be inspected prior to paving (to insure proper storm water drainage) and after paving and sealing is complete.

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Applicant Signature

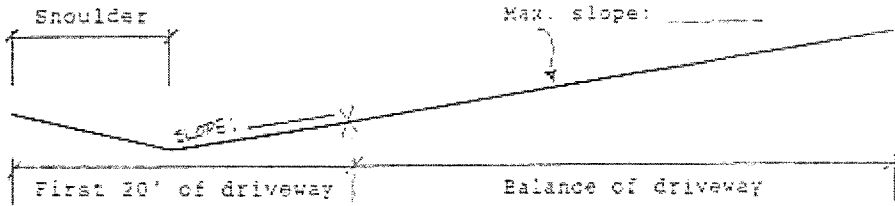
Date



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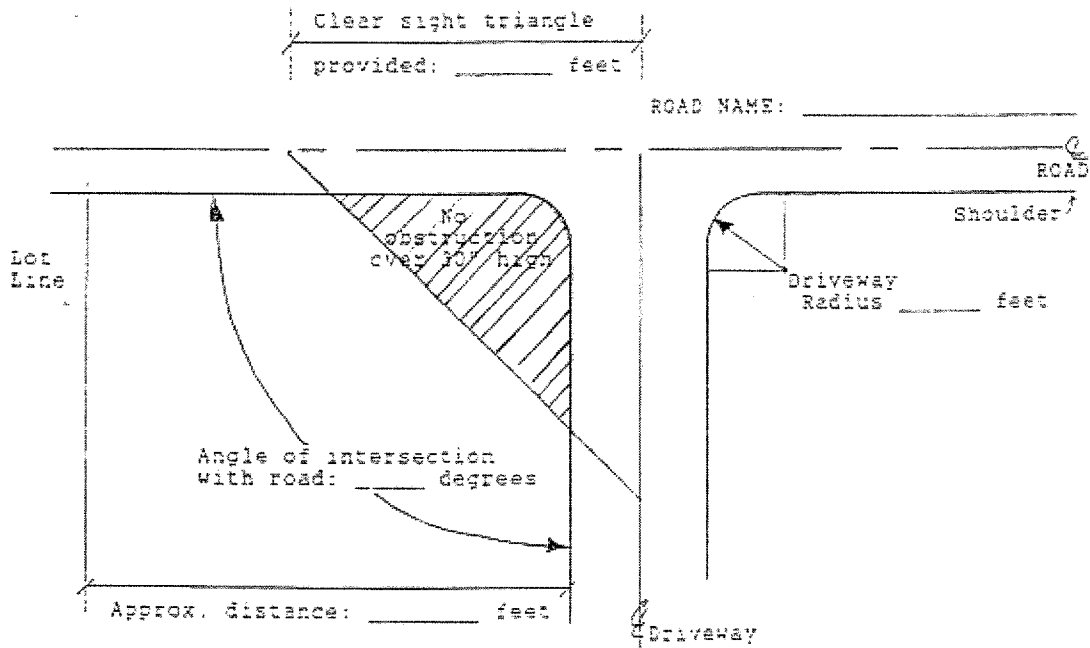
APPLICANT: _____

RIVEWAY PROFILE:



Note downward slopes as negative (-)
Note upward slopes as positive (+)

LAN VIEW OF DRIVEWAY:



FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS

CERTIFICATION FOR WETLANDS / BURIED SOLID WASTE

WETLANDS

I hereby certify that I am fully aware of, and acknowledge that construction on or use of any property may be significantly restricted or totally prohibited by Federal Law. Lands that are identified as "wetlands" by the United States Army Corps of Engineers cannot be used unless and until a permit is issued by the Corps. Before commencing subdivision, construction or any other improvement of any land, the owner or his/her agent should contact either the Corps of Engineers or a qualified professional to determine whether or not said land could be considered either in whole or in part a "wetland." The Corps has the authority to require the removal of any improvement placed within a "wetland" by the owner of such land regardless of the cost of the removal or other effect upon the landowner.

No agent or employee of the municipality in which this work will be performed has made any effort to determine whether or not all or a portion of said land constitutes a "wetland." The granting of a building permit, occupancy permit, onsite sewage disposal permit, or subdivision approval by the municipality DOES NOT in any way imply that the land does NOT constitute a "wetland," or that a permit has been issued by the Corps to place an improvement upon the land, or that it is not necessary to determine if any portion of the land constitutes a "wetland." Any person who proceeds with subdivision, construction, or the placing of any improvement upon land without prior Corps review and/or approval does so AT HIS OWN RISK WITHOUT ANY RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF THIS MUNICIPALITY, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES!

BURIED SOLID WASTE

I hereby certify that I have not buried any solid waste on the property of this application. I acknowledge that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act specifically prohibits the disposal of solid waste except at legally permitted landfills.

I understand that violation of this act may result in prosecution by appropriate agencies of the Commonwealth.

Applicant signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of applicant (please print): _____

PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE INFORMATION FORM

Please complete all applicable sections of this form paying special attention to the documentation requirements listed in each section. The building and/or zoning permit that you are requesting will not be issued until this form is completed properly.

1. Are you the homeowner/property owner performing the work (as requested in this application) yourself?

- No - go to question #2
- Yes – read this exemption statement, sign to indicate your understanding and submit this form with your application
 “Homeowner swears/affirms that he/she will be performing all work on this project and no outside contractors will be employed on this project.”

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Are you the homeowner/property owner who has hired a contractor to perform the work (as requested in this application)?

- No – go to question #3
- Yes – please have your contractor complete Sections A & B

3. Are you the contractor hired by the homeowner/property owner to perform the work as requested in this application)?

- Yes – complete Section A & B
- No – please explain: _____

A. Name of Company _____

Contact person _____ Phone # _____

Address of company _____

Federal or State Employee Identification # _____

Please select one of the following options:

- Applicant is a qualified self-insurer for workers’ compensation
 ✓ Please attach a copy of the insurance certificate listing the municipality in which the work will be performed as a certificate holder
- Applicant carries workers’ compensation coverage with an insurance company
 ✓ Please attach a copy of the insurance certificate listing the municipality in which the work will be performed as a certificate holder
- Applicant is exempt from providing workers’ compensation insurance because:
 - The contractor is a sole proprietorship without employees (The contractor is prohibited by law from employing any individual to perform work pursuant to this building permit unless contractor provides proof of insurance to the municipality.)
 - All of the contractor’s employees on the project claim an exemption based on religious grounds as defined in Section 304.2 of the Workers’ Compensation Act.

Note: If you are requesting an exemption from the Workers’ Compensation Act requirements, you must sign in Section B in front of a notary public.

Will you be using any subcontractor(s) on this project? No Yes (if yes, all subcontractors must present proof of insurance as required under the Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Act.)

B. My signature as the contractor indicates my understanding of the requirements to provide proof of Workers’ Compensation insurance as needed and verifies that all statements made above are true. I understand that if I am a contractor requesting an exemption under the Workers’ Compensation Act that I must sign this form in front of a notary public.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

NOTARIZATION REQUIRED FOR CONTRACTORS REQUESTING EXEMPTION FROM PROVIDING WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

County _____ Municipality of _____

My commission expires: _____ Subscribed and sworn to before me this-
_____ day of _____ 20__.

SEAL _____