



Building Department
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CHAPTER 6

INSPECTIONS

Building Inspections

Inspections are intended to protect the homeowner against shoddy work, faulty materials, deviations from the approved plans and violations of code that could result in unsafe or hazardous conditions. A re-inspection fee may apply if the same violation occurs on more than two subsequent inspections.

Inspections may be scheduled by calling the Building Department at (330) 689-2729 or the 24-hour voice mail at (330) 689-2728. A 24-hour notice is required for all inspections. When requesting an inspection, please provide the following information:

- Permit Number
- Address
- Owner's Name
- Contractor Name
- Type of Inspection

Building inspections should follow the sequence of construction. Mechanical and Electrical inspections must be approved prior to the framing inspection. All dwelling units must pass final inspection before occupancy will be issued. The following is the general sequence in which inspections should occur:

General Inspection Sequence

1. Zoning
2. Footer
3. Foundation
4. Rough
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Mechanical (H.V.A.C.)
 - Framing
5. Driveway approach and city walk

6. Electrical underground
7. Electrical service
8. Insulation
9. Final
 - o Heat
 - o Electric
 - o Building
 - o Engineering
 - o Plumbing
 - o Water Meter Set

Engineering Inspections:

These are scheduled by calling the Engineering Office at (330) 689-2719. A 24-hour notice is required for all inspections. Engineering inspections are required for the following:

- Driveway Approach;
- City Sidewalk;
- Storm Sewer Tie-ins; and
- Final Grading.

Engineering Grading Final and Bond Release Requirements:

- Foundation back filled and fine graded.
- Downspout connections completed, inspected, back filled, and graded.
- Sidewalks and approach completed including back fill and fine grading.
- Tree lawn or ditch line fine graded.
- Culverts installed, no bent or crushed ends allowed.
- Yard drains, if required, completely installed, and tie-in inspected, back filled and fine graded.
- Swales established, where required.
- Final Engineering grading approval.
- No spoil piles or trash left in yard.
- House numbers installed on house.
- Property pins in place.

Zoning Inspections:

These are required for all new construction where a zoning certificate was issued; including the following:

- All new structures
- Fences
- Accessory buildings (including gazebos)
- Swimming pools
- Additions to existing structures