

Forward Township Building Permit Requirements

Any Building or Structure over 100 square feet in total area that is permanently affixed to or in the ground requires a building permit.

Inspections - any new residential or commercial building construction, additions to, or structural changes are required to be inspected in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code. Forward Township has chosen the Municipal Code Enforcement Association as its designated inspection agency.

Exclusions and Exemptions from inspections under the Uniform Construction Code act.

The following structures if the building is residential, has an area of less than 1000 square feet, and is an accessory to a detached one-family dwelling are exempt from building code inspections.

Carports

Detached private garages

Greenhouses

Sheds

An Agricultural Building used for housing livestock, feed, or equipment may also be exempt.

Forward Township building setback requirements are as follows.

50 feet minimum from the edge of any adjoining Public Road Right Of Way – (Note) The edge of the pavement or gravel roadway is Not the edge of the right of way, Most public road right of ways in Forward Township are a minimum of 33 feet wide, and many are wider, so make sure that you know the right of way width before starting construction. (Forward Township assumes that the center of the traveled section of the road is the center of the right of way unless proof can be shown by a registered survey that it is different)

15 feet minimum from the side yard property line.

20 feet minimum from the rear yard property line.

Storm Water Management

Forward Township adopted the Pa. D.E.P. Act 167 Storm Water Management ordinance in 2011.

The ordinance requires any new Impervious Surface, be it a building, pavement, gravel (or a combination of these) over 2500 square feet in area must be documented on an approved Storm water Management form, this is cumulative process, so when any new and/or future impervious surface area reaches 5000 square feet in total in total area a Storm Water Management Plan must be submitted to the Township for review by the Townships designated Engineer for approval before construction may begin.