

Uniform Construction Code

Regulations of the UCC

The regulations of the UCC, the statewide building code, are available on the PA Department of Labor and Industry website at www.dli.state.pa.us under "Quick Links" click on Building Codes.

Codes

The UCC administration and enforcement regulations adopt the following codes for use throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

- * **International Building Code 2003** (base code for commercial construction)
- * **International Residential Code 2003** (code for one and two family dwellings no more than three stories in height)
- * ICC Electrical Code 2003 (utilizes National Electric Code 2002 standards)
- * International Energy Conservation Code 2003
- * International Existing Building Code 2003
- * International Fire Code 2003
- * International Fuel Gas Code 2003
- * International Mechanical Code 2003
- * International Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities 2003 (provides alternative compliance approach)
- * International Plumbing Code 2003
- * International Urban-Wildland Interface Code 2003

These code books may be purchased from the International Code Council, either on their website at www.iccsafe.org or by calling the ICC at 1-800-786-4452.

The Department of Labor & Industry has made only minor changes to the codes listed above. Please check the L&I website and Chapter 403 of the UCC regulations for further details on these changes.

Act 13 of 2004 (HB 1654) also changed the residential stairway tread and riser standards adopted in the UCC regulation (those specified in the International Residential Code 2003). The standards to be used for residential stairways are those found in CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code 1992.

Plan Review and Inspections

Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. of Manheim, PA, has been contracted to provide UCC plan review and inspection services for Marietta Borough. Please call Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. at 1-800-732-0043 for questions regarding the code.

MARIETTA BOROUGH PERMITS

Permits

A Zoning Permit is issued for compliance to the Borough's zoning ordinance. A Construction Permit is issued for compliance to the regulations of the statewide Uniform Construction Code. Both permits will be required for many construction projects. An authorized Zoning Permit must be attached to all Construction Permit applications.

How Do I Apply For Permits?

1. Complete a Zoning Permit Application and submit it to the Borough Office with the appropriate fee. Please use the fee structure included in the application documents. Please attach all supporting documents such as site plans, drawings, and photos required with the application. Incomplete applications will be returned; refunds are not available.
2. The Zoning Officer will review the application and check for compliance with the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Officer issues the Zoning Permit for an approved application.
3. Depending on the type of proposed project, a Construction Permit may be required following the issuance of a Zoning Permit. A Construction Permit is issued for compliance with the regulations of the statewide Uniform Construction Code. It will be indicated on the Zoning Permit whether or not a Construction Permit is required prior to construction.

If required, **you may not begin construction until a Construction Permit is issued.**

4. If a Construction Permit is required, complete a Construction Permit Application and submit it to the Borough Office with the non-refundable \$50 application fee. The Zoning Permit must be attached to the Construction Permit application at the time of submission. Please include three (3) copies of all supporting documents such as site plans and drawings. Incomplete applications will be returned; refunds are not available.
5. Following review by the Borough's Building Code Official, the Construction Permit Application will be forwarded to Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. of Manheim for processing. Their phone number is 1-800-732-0043. Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. will review the application and approve or deny the Construction Permit. Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. will invoice the applicant for any plan review or inspection fees necessary for the construction project. Before a Construction Permit is issued, payment for plan review and inspections fees must be received. Payment should be made directly to Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. for their services.
6. Following the issuance of a Construction Permit, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. to schedule inspections. Following final inspection approval, Commonwealth Code Inspection Services, Inc. will notify the Borough's Building Code Official of project completion.
7. The Building Code Official issues the Certificate of Occupancy when all inspections, reviews, and fee payments are complete.

(Please see reverse side for information regarding the Uniform Construction Code.)