LaGrange Township

Permit Procedures/Instructions

The completed Building and Zoning permit applications must be approved by the Zoning Official before the building permit can be issued. Call (269) 479-2387 to contact the Zoning Official.

With the zoning permit there must also be an aerial view of the entire parcel showing all existing structures and proposed structures with the distance from ALL of them to ALL property lines. This aerial view will also be given to the Building Inspector. Property line adjustments, splits, combinations, etc. must also be approved by the Zoning Official.

Please check the Fee Schedule on the Township website to submit the correct amount with your applications. IF YOU START CONSTRUCTION BEFORE THE PERMITS ARE ISSUED, ALL FEES ARE DOUBLED.

DO NOT SEND TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP.

All electrical permits must be submitted and approved by the Electrical Inspector:

Ron Bellaire
P.O. Box 186
Edwardsburg, MI 49112
(269) 663-3429
ronb700@aol.com

All plumbing and mechanical permits must be submitted and approved by the Plumbing / Mechanical Inspector:

John Dobberteen
400 S Monroe
Sturgis, MI 49091
(269) 651-4567
dobberteeninc@gmail.com

The Zoning Ordinance indicates what can be built and where it can be built. The Ordinance also shows what each parcel in the Township can be used for, including the minimum size of structures and where they can be located on the parcel. Regulations governing fences (Section 15.05), swimming pools (Section 15.11), signs (Section 17), etc. are also in the Ordinance. Each zoning district such as Residential, Lake Residential, Commercial, Agricultural, etc. has its own regulations. Just because you have a house on a parcel does not mean it is zoned Residential, and just because you have a farm it doesn't mean it is zoned Agricultural. Check the Zoning Map to confirm what zoning district you are in.

The Noise Ordinance and Vehicle Ordinance are "stand alone" Ordinances. These Ordinances do not have a "grandfather" clause, so just because you have done it for twenty years does not mean you can do it now.

If you would like to rezone your property or do something on your property that is not allowed in the Zoning Ordinance, you will need one of the following submit one of the following applications; Rezoning, Special Land Use or Variance.

If you would like to split or divide your property or combine your contiguous properties you will need to apply for a Land Division / Combination.