



Planning and Zoning Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

When do I need a zoning compliance permit?

The Hope Township Zoning Ordinance requires a zoning compliance permit for the erection, addition, alteration, or repair of any building or structure where the exterior dimensions are affected. This includes, but is not limited to, housing additions, accessory buildings, decks, stairs, fences, and porches. A zoning compliance permit may also be needed for internal changes or modifications that change the use of the structure or add a dwelling unit.

Where do I apply for a building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permit?

Professional Code Inspections (PCI) handles all building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits for Hope Township. Their local office is in Hastings, MI at 110 W. Center Street STE A and they can be reached at (269) 948-4088 or <https://pcimi.com/>

Do I need a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit?

The Barry County Planning and Zoning Office administers the soil erosion and sedimentation control program in Hope Township. Many projects within close proximity to bodies of water will require a soil erosion and sedimentation control permit. Their office is located in Hastings, MI at 220 W. State Street and they can be reached at (269) 945-1290 or

https://www.barrycounty.org/departments_and_officials/departments/planning_and_zoning.php

Where do I apply for a driveway permit?

The Barry County Road Commission issues driveway permits in Hope Township and utilizes the Oxcart Permit Systems to process driveway permit requests. More information can be found here:

<https://www.barrycrc.org/permits/driveway-permit/>

Who do I contact regarding well, septic, or public sewer?

Some of the lakes in Hope Township are served by public sewer provided by the Southwest Barry County Sewer Authority. Their local office is in Delton, MI at 11191 S M-43 Hwy and they can be reached at (269) 623-3401. Private well and septic inquiries in Hope Township are handled by the Barry-Eaton District Health Department. If you are building a new dwelling, accessory building, or addition, please contact the Health Department regarding your project. Their local office is in Hastings, MI at 330 West Woodlawn Avenue and they can be reached at (269) 945-9516 or <https://barryeatonhealth.org/>

How do I obtain an address for my property?

The Barry County Planning and Zoning Office administers and assigns new addresses in Hope Township. Their office is located in Hastings, MI at 220 W. State Street and they can be reached at (269) 945-1290 or https://www.barrycounty.org/departments_and_officials/departments/planning_and_zoning.php

Do I need a permit to modify my shoreline or install a seawall?

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requires a permit for shoreline modification projects below the ordinary high-water mark. More information can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/inland-lakes-and-streams/shoreline-protection>