

A New Business Checklist



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Thank you for choosing to locate your business in the City of Milford! The City has developed a checklist to assist new businesses and building owners. Please feel free to call the City at 831-4192 with any questions; we want to make your process run as smoothly as possible. Forms and a schedule of fees can be downloaded from our website at: www.milfordohio.org.

	Department	Form Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm Zoning; is your "use" permitted in this zoning district?	Planning & Zoning	Building Permit Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you locating in the Old Mill Overlay District?	Planning & Zoning	Design Review Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Will you be installing a sign?	Planning & Zoning Building Department	Building Permit Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact the Fire Department for a fire safety inspection.	Fire Department	
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you planning to build a new building or make renovations?	Planning & Zoning Building Department	Building Permit Application Water Application (If applicable)* Sewer Application (If applicable)*
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you altering surface drainage or cut or fill exceeds 100 cubic yards?	Building Department	Building Permit Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you planning to make a street opening or trench in any street, sidewalk, or alley?	Building Department	Street Opening Permit Application*
<input type="checkbox"/> Constructing a sidewalk or making a curb cut for driveway apron?	Building Department	Street Opening Permit Application*
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you planning to perform electrical work?	Call IBI - 381-6080	
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you planning to do any plumbing work?	Call Clermont County Board of Health - 732-7499	

*Call 248-5081 for Permit Application information

Important Phone Numbers

Milford Planning & Zoning	Pam Holbrook	248-5093	pholbrook@milfordohio.org
Building Department/Chief Building Official	Bud White	248-5098	bwhite@milfordohio.org
Milford Utilities	Pam Lee	248-5081	plee@milfordohio.org
Milford Income Tax	Allyn Bartlett	248-5082	abartlett@milfordohio.org
Milford Fire Department	Phil Nause	831-7777	
Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce	Karen Huff	831-2411	
IBI - Inspection Bureau Inc.		381-6080	
Clermont County Board of Health		732-7499	

Sign Regulations

Sign Type	B-1	B-2	B-3/B-5	O	L-1	I	Detail
<i>Maximum permitted sign area in square feet</i>							
Temporary/portable Signs	≤24 sf	≤24 sf	≤32 sf	≤24 sf	≤32 sf	≤24 sf	1. Permitted no more than 14 days. 2. Renewable two times per year.
Roof							Only Permitted on appeal to the BZA
Wall	≤30 sf	≤60 sf	≤100 sf	≤60 sf	≤100 sf	≤60 sf	1. One wall sign for each side of building. 2. Wall sign projection ≤ 14 inches.
Placard/Projecting Signs	≤30 sf	≤30 sf				≤30 sf	1. Bottom of sign ≥ 12 ft. above grade. 2. Nonilluminated. & nonreflecting.
Marquee/Awning/Canopy Sign	≤30 sf	≤60 sf	≤100 sf	≤60 sf	≤100 sf	≤60 sf	
Freestanding	≤35 sf	≤35 sf	≤60 sf	≤35 sf	≤60 sf	≤35 sf	1. ≤18 ft from grade 2. 20 ft from adjoining property line; 50 ft from residential property line. 3. One freestanding sign per building.

How To Obtain A Building Permit

1. Complete a building permit application.
2. Submit Water & Sewer Permit applications (new construction).
3. Submit three (3) sets of plans
4. Plans should include:
 - a. Site plan-Property survey with structure location
 - b. Stormwater calculations
 - c. Energy Calculations
 - d. Electric Permit -Receipt documenting application to IBI
 - e. Truss Drawings -
Actual trusses with engineer seal (if applicable)
 - f. HVAC Equipment Specifications
 - g. Soil Bearing (test may be required)

How To Obtain A Sign Permit

1. Complete a building permit application.
2. Submit three (3) sets of drawings.
3. Drawings should include:
 - a. Proposed location of sign on a site plan.
 - b. Drawing which shows sign dimensions, sign height and font colors.

Design Review

1. Complete a Design Review Application*

***Requires approval by the Planning Commission**

City Inspections Required

1. Call the Building Department at 248-5098 (24 hour notice)
2. Call the Fire Department at 831-7777 (24 hour notice)
3. Footer & Soil Inspection – After all forms and steel are in place, but before concrete is poured.
4. Call IBI for reinforcing steel grounding inspection.

5. Framing Inspection - After structure is erected including exterior sheathing, roofing, and rough-in electrical inspection and rough-in plumbing inspection completed.
6. Insulation Inspection – After ALL insulation is in place except blown-in ceiling.
7. HVAC Inspection – After equipment installed. Usually done at same time as insulation inspection.
8. Final Inspection - After all finish work completed.