

WHEN DO YOU NEED TO GET A ZONING PERMIT?

Here's what the Pennsville Township Land Development and zoning ordinance tell us:

"Zoning Permit Required. A zoning permit is required for any of the following construction, land use and development activities:

1. Commencement of any new development, use or occupancy of a property;
2. Any change or expansion of an existing use of a property;
3. Construction of any new building or structure, or any alteration, conversion, renovation, enlargement or expansion of any existing building or structure requiring a construction permit;
And
4. Commencement of any development or site improvement, or any non-agricultural clearing, grading or land disturbance except for gardening and landscaping at residential lots, and maintenance of approved landscaping at non-residential lots, including but not limited to development or site improvement activities relating to roads, utilities, or other improvements or installations in connection with any proposed or approved subdivision or site plan application.

Applicants for zoning permits must complete, sign, and file a zoning permit application directly with the Zoning Officer or the Zoning Officer's designee at the Construction Office during regular Township business hours. The Zoning Officer or designee must issue a receipt confirming the filing date and retain a duplicate thereof. The Zoning Officer must grant or deny zoning permit applications within ten (10) business days as provided in *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-18.*" (Chapter 3, Section 3.1, Paragraph A)

So, if you are going to do any of those things listed above get a Zoning Permit. Fill it out and submit it for review. It's better to get a Zoning Permit than a violation notice or a court summons and penalties.