

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING COMMERCIAL OTTAWA COUNTY APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PLAN APPROVAL

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 4101:1-1-01, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3791.04, before beginning the construction, erection or manufacture of any building for which construction documents are required, the owner shall submit three copies of construction drawings to this division for approval. The construction documents shall be accompanied with the application form and attached (scope / fees) worksheets. The construction documents shall be prepared by a registered design professional pursuant to OAC 4101:1-1-01. An examination and inspection fee will be assessed at the time of submittal as outlined in OAC 4101:1-1-01.

Application Directions: Complete page one of the application and attached worksheets as outlined below. All boxes, 1 through 14, must be completed in full or the application will be returned. Send this completed form along with all required documents to Ottawa County Building Department, 315 Madison St., Rm. 104, Port Clinton, OH 43452

1. **SCOPE OF PROJECT:** Check all the boxes that apply to the scope of work proposed in this project. Every scope of work checked must be accompanied with the appropriate fees. Without establishing the proper scope of work, the division will be unable to establish the inspection schedule for the project. Please note that "***Building General***" refers to all "***general trade***" work in the building including ceiling panels/grids, non-loadbearing partitions, flooring, etc.; NOT just structural loadbearing components of the building.
2. **TYPE OF PROJECT:** Check one of the types of projects from the list.
3. **PHASED PLAN REVIEW:** If you are applying for a phased plan approval, check all phases of the plan reviews that are applicable to this project. The plans examiner will review your plans according to the phased schedule. If you are not applying for a phased plan review, leave all boxes blank.
4. **APPLICATION RELATED INFORMATION:** Answer each of the questions in this block and provide additional information accordingly. Complete answers to the questions will help the division process and review the project accurately.
5. **PROJECT/BUILDING LOCATION:** Please provide complete information identifying the location of the building where the construction or renovation will occur. This will help the division determine the proper jurisdiction for the project.
6. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK COVERED UNDER THIS APPLICATION:** Please provide a brief description of the scope of work. Please include the names of the areas or rooms affected by the construction when only a portion of building is covered under the permit application. The description provided will be shown on your certificate of use and occupancy.
7. **BUILDING OWNER INFORMATION:** Please provide complete answers to each item. If the building is owned by a corporation, please provide the name of the corporation and identify a contact person in the section called "Attention."
8. **APPLICANT INFORMATION:** Provide complete information. All project correspondences will be directed to the project applicant.
9. **DESIGNER INFORMATION:** Section 106.2 of the Ohio Building Code requires that the design professional be identified including the design professional's Ohio registration number.
10. **BUILDING CODE INFORMATION:** Information provided applies to the construction area in a mixed use groups building, or the entire building if it is a single use group building. For change of occupancy, the term "Current use group" refers to the approved use group under the previous occupancy. For information concerning the term "Proposed use group", please refer to Chapters 3 and 6 of Ohio Building Code for the proper classification.
11. **GENERAL BUILDING INFORMATION:** The information provided applies to the entire building and is not limited to the construction area. Even when the proposed project is a partial building renovation or a building addition, the information for the entire building is required. The information provided will be shown on your certificate of use and occupancy in accordance with section 111 of the Ohio Building Code.
12. **CERTIFICATION:** The application cannot be processed if this section is not complete.
13. **OFFICE USE ONLY:** This section is reserved for our office use only. Please do not mark in this area.
14. **APPLICATION FEES:** Please refer to the Commercial Inspections of Plans Fees Calculation Schedule in this package for more details.

Once the plans have been examined and approved, a Certificate of Plan Approval will be issued to the owner along with two sets of construction documents. One of the sets of construction documents must remain at the job site at all times during construction pursuant to OAC 4101:1-1-01. Inspections can be obtained from the Ottawa County Building Department by calling the dispatch center at least one day prior to the inspection. The dispatch phone number is 419-734-6767. Once all inspections have been obtained a final Certificate of Occupancy will be issued pursuant to OAC 4101:1-1-01.