

Certificate of Occupancy

Section 13 of the Act states that:

“A building or structure hereafter constructed shall not be used or occupied in whole or in part until a certificate of use and occupancy has been issued by the appropriate enforcing agency.”

Section R110 Use and Occupancy. A building or structure shall not be used or occupied, and change in the existing occupancy classification of a building or structure or portion thereof shall not be made until a certificate of occupancy has been issued in accordance with section 13 of the act.

R110.2 Change in use. A change in the character or use of an existing structure shall not be made, except as specified in the Michigan building code, R 408.30401 to R 408.30499a.

GENERAL BUILDING INFORMATION

As a homeowner, it is always best to hire a licensed and insured builder, ask to see their current pocket license and the insurance company phone numbers of where they have liability coverage. Working with an unlicensed builder is done at your own risk!

If you sign a building permit application for a contractor or handyman, you are responsible for the entire project. **PLEASE PROTECT YOURSELF.**

All contractors offering to do work which totals \$600 or more for labor and materials must have a state license. A Residential Builders license allows a contractor to build a complete structure and also do maintenance or alteration (remodeling) work.

The Montmorency County House Numbering Ordinance was adopted on April 27, 1994 and shall take effect within sixty days after adoption. The Equalization Department shall assign and maintain address numbers to structures. They may be contacted at 785-8046.

GENERAL CODE INFORMATION

Any lumber buried, or on top of the ground or within 8 inches of ground must be Wolmanized lumber.

Pole Barn poles must be per spec sheet.

Pole Barn poles must be 4" x 6" on 8' centers.

Mobile home roof poles must be 4" x 6" on 8' centers. Both of the above must be 42" in the ground with a minimum pad in the hole of 6".

Sandy soil conditions require 24" footings below grade at a minimum. Clay soil conditions require 42" below grade at a minimum.

Footings are 24" in depth, 8" thick minimum, with 2-# 4 re-rod spaced equally and in place before pouring concrete. Footings must be 4" wider than the block being used on each side of the block.

A minimum of 8" must be maintained between ground and buildings.

Foundation walls must have an approved fastener to hold down walls.