Inspections

All permits require inspections by our department to ensure that all applicable code requirements have been met and that the project has been constructed according to the approved plans. The number of inspections varies according to each project but generally occur at foundation stage, framing or “rough-in” stage, and a final inspection. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to notify the department when the work is ready for inspection.

Public Hearings

All Map Amendments, Conditional Use Permits and Variances require a Public Hearing. The online planning portal allows you the ability to see when a public hearing will be taking place as well as the results of the Public Hearing by searching planning applications through our online portal.

- Public Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday and Thursday of every month.

The Hardin County Planning & Development Commission administers the construction review process to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community by reviewing and inspecting newly constructed and altered buildings and structures for compliance with the Kentucky Building Code.

Online Citizen Portal

A Quick Guide For Hardin County Citizens

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What is the purpose for the online portals?

Welcome to the new Citizen Portal!

We are pleased to offer our citizens, businesses, and visitors access to Planning and Development Commission services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The online services are efficient and reduce processing time. We trust this will provide you with a new, higher level of service that makes living and working in the Hardin County community a more enjoyable experience.

- The online portals give Hardin County Citizens the opportunity to look up pending applications, issued permits, and inspection results.

What is the process to view online applications?

1. Visit:  [www.hcpdc.com](http://www.hcpdc.com)
2. Click on Applications and Forms / Online Permits.
3. Search Applications:
   - Building Search
   - Planning Search
4. Applications can be searched by permit # or site address
5. Permit details can be viewed by clicking “View”

Who can apply for a Permit?

- Licensed contractors of the Project may initiate the permit Online.
- Citizens may complete an online application and submit to our office.

What is the Building Search?

The **Building Search** allows you to:
- Search Building and Electrical Applications
- Review Project Information
- View Scheduled or Completed Inspections and
- Pay any outstanding Balance Online

A Permit gives you legal permission to start construction on a project in accordance with approved plans. Permits are required by local Ordinance and the Kentucky Building Code. Building Permits require additional documents and payment in order to complete your application, refer to the Kentucky Building Code Checklist.

When do you need a Permit?

A Permit is needed to construct, enlarge, remodel, or change occupancy of a building, or to erect, install, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system.

Permits are NOT required for:
- One story detached accessory structures less than 200 square feet in floor area
- Retaining walls not over 4-feet in height
- Painting, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and other finish work

*** A Zoning Permit is required for all construction activities. ***

What is a Plat?

A map of a portion of land that has been subdivided into lots showing the location and boundaries of individual parcels with the streets, easements, and rights of use over the land.

What is a Map Amendment?

It is a change in the zoning of a property, allowing different land uses and densities on that property.

What is a Conditional Use Permit?

It is a change in the listed uses for that property authorized by the Board on a case-by-case basis, with specific conditions which must be met in order for the use to be Permitted.

What is a Variance?

A departure from dimensional terms of the regulations pertaining to the width, or location of structures, and where such departure meets the requirements of KRS 100.241 to 100.247.