

### How do I apply for a Permit?

Permits may be obtained in person by visiting the at the Building Department, located at the Annex Building, 204 E Jefferson St, Suite 5, Goshen, **or by applying online, using the City of Goshen's web portal.**

We accept cash, check or credit/debit cards.

### Why do I need a Permit?

Permits protect the owner, the contractor and the City. Permits help to protect property values and can be required in an insurance claim and refinancing. Permits also insure that all buildings and structures constructed or altered in the city meet the standards as established by the State of Indiana and the City of Goshen. A Zoning Clearance may also be required in addition to a permit. For questions regarding whether a permit is required, please contact the Building Department at 574-534-1811.

### Who can Apply for Permits

For residential construction: Homeowners may apply for any permits related to their own properties. For commercial construction: Property owners may apply for construction permits. Electrical, HVAC and plumbing permits must be applied for by licensed contractors. If you have any questions about applying for a permit, please contact the Building Department.

For questions about becoming a licensed contractor in the City of Goshen, please see Licensing.

### What is a Stop Work Order?

Whenever any work is being done contrary to the provisions of the codes and/or ordinances, the Building Commissioner or his/her designee may order the work to be stopped. A notice in writing can be served on any person(s) engaged in the doing or causing such work to be done, or by posting notice at the site where the work is being performed. Any such person(s) shall forthwith stop such work until authorized by the Building Commissioner or his/her designee to proceed with the work.