Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections

New Online Tools

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- Improved contacts
- Condemned Buildings/Demolition
- Permit Review tools
- Buildingeye Overview
- Community Outreach

Improved Contacts

- pliapptech@pittsburghpa.gov
- Group email address that can be answered by any of our 6 application technicians
- Any questions related to permit requirements, permit applications, inspections holds, NSF check on active records, license applications or new license inspection

Improved Contacts

- Do I need a permit for…?
- What documents do I need for my general contractor's license?
- How do I apply for a permit?

Improved Contacts

- plirecords@pittsburghpa.gov
- Group email address that can be answered by 3 clerical staff and myself
- Any questions related to permit status, licensing status, copies of existing occupancy permits, VET violations, specific property related question, ONBASE documents
- They can also be reached via the main line number 412-255-2175

Improved Contacts

- I am renting a space for my small business, does the building have the proper occupancy permit?

- I am buying a 3 family dwelling unit. Is it legal?

Condemned Buildings/Demolition

- http://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/condemned-buildings
- Excel spreadsheets updated every Friday
- Lists of buildings that have been razed in the past, are currently under contract to be raised, and buildings that are condemned but are not being considered for demolition at this time

Condemned Buildings/Demolition

- http://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/condemned-buildings/properties.html
- Asbestos surveys
- All buildings must be tested for asbestos prior to demolition. New asbestos survey lists show different bid packages and where they are in the process.

Condemned Buildings/Demolition

- I would like to know what buildings will be demolished in my neighborhood in the next 6 months?
- Is that vacant and unsecured building on my block condemned?
- The City is going to tear down my neighbor's house. When should the contractor start?

Permit Review Tools

- Permits Pending Review
- http://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/permit-status
- Excel spreadsheet that is sortable by category
- Shows exact date that permit will be initially reviewed
- Currently hitting that date or before – top heading is updated to show current review times for each type of application

Permit Review Tools

I submitted my permit 2 weeks ago. When will it be reviewed by a plan examiner?

Permit Review Tools

- ❑Permit Checklists

http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/pli/pli-bulletins.html

- ❑Checklists for each permit type
- ❑Plan Examiner completes the same checklist when reviewing drawings

- ❑Permit Bulletins
- ❑http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/pli/pli-bulletins.html
- ❑Memo for when a new procedure or policy is enacted

Permit Review Tools

- I am unsure if I need to submit this documentation with my permit application.
- I have an electrical component to my project. What are the current permitting/inspection procedures.
- The UCC is vague. What is the City of Pittsburgh's interpretation of the code?

buildingeye

- Interactive map that is updated nightly
- Displays any permit since 2013, any violations since 2015, active location based licenses, and planning application since 2016.
- https://pittsburghpa.buildingeye.com/building

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- I submitted a property to 311 and would like to know the status.
- When does my neighbor go to the magistrate for their building violations?
- I am a property owner and my contractor should have gotten a permit. Did they?
- The property had a building permit and the completed job looks so nice! Who was that contractor?
- Does the parking lot on the corner charging $25 for events have the appropriate license?

Community Resources

- PLI Monthly Newsletter
- http://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/community-resources
- Sent to communicate when changes occur, any news, monthly community forum invites
- Reaches over 900 residents, contractors, architects, developers and City employees

Community Resources

- PLI Monthly Forums
- Second Wednesday morning of every month from 9-10 at 200 Ross Street on the 1st Floor
- Regularly get attendance of 60 people
- Recorded by the City Channel and posted on their Youtube page
- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2L3ZTwe78kF1bTFqB5bwq0xLjwvV36F7
- Send link out in to newsletter contacts so folks who missed it can watch it later
- Hoping to expand the kind of videos we are doing in the near future

What to do when these processes break down?

- Please attempt to contact the inspector or their supervisor prior to reaching out. The supervisor should be able to solve most issues.
- Call 311 to see if a solution is already in the works

- Call/email me!
- 412-255-2811
- Julianne.Reiland@pittsburghpa.gov

Trouble getting through to our main line, inspector not answering phone, permits taking longer than the anticipated review date, an inspection didn't go as planned, unique situations that do not fit into the status quo, no updates on a code violation case, particular problem properties that need extra attention, complaints about an employee's behavior, meetings with Director, etc.

Questions, and Thank you!