



The Youngstown City Zoning Department is only able to grant or deny zoning permits within the Youngstown City limits.

Thus, before applying for any zoning permit, make sure you are in the Youngstown City limits.

Does Work  
Require a Permit?

You must next determine whether you need to apply for a zoning permit. Minor repairs do not require a permit. Instead, the Youngstown Redevelopment Code requires a permit any time “any use is established; a building or structure is erected; a building or structure is altered; or the use of any building or land is changed.”

Permit  
Application

Next, you must fill out the proper zoning permit. The relevant permit applications are available on the Youngstown City website at <https://youngstownohio.gov/zoning>.

Please use the most specific permit applicable to your situation, or if you are not sure, call City Hall at (330) 742-8804.

City Reviews  
Permit

The City will then review your permit application. The City is focused on whether:

- Your proposed alteration/construction is allowed on your property;
- The use is permitted with the applicable zoning; and
- All legal requirements are met with your project.

If Approved:  
Permit Granted

If the City grants your permit, you will be issued a zoning permit. The permit process is over, and you will not need to have any public hearings regarding your permit.

**Note that, even after obtaining City zoning approval, you may also need to obtain permits from Mahoning County.**

If Denied: Apply  
to BZA

If your permit application is denied, and you would like to appeal this decision (rather than alter your plans), you can apply (via written application) for an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The case shall be referred to the City Board of Zoning Appeals for consideration at their earliest scheduled meeting.

Public Hearing  
Scheduled

You will then be able to present your application to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Here, you will present your case as to why you think you should be issued a permit.

The Board of Zoning Appeals then will either affirm (i.e., uphold) the zoning decision, or will reverse the zoning decision, which means you will be issued a permit for your desired use. Note that, even after obtaining City zoning approval, you may also need to obtain permits from Mahoning County.