Prior to building, expanding, changing the existing use, or adding a structure, a zoning and/or building permit(s) are required before you begin your project. You are encouraged to call the township office or the UCC Administrators office if you are in doubt of the zoning or building permit requirement for your project.

**State Building Permit Requirements**

A building permit is required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building, or erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, mechanical (including gas and/or propane) or plumbing system regulated by the State Uniform Construction Code. Other projects that require a building permit are pools and spas, attached carports, attached decks or decks higher that 30” above grade, retaining walls over 4’ high, fences over 6’ high, sidewalks and driveways that are 30” above adjacent grade or placed over a basement or story below. The State Building Code excludes building permits for carports, detached private garages, greenhouses, sheds - if the structure has a building area less than 1000 square feet and is an accessory to a detached single-family dwelling. Agricultural buildings defined under Section 103 of the UCC Act are excluded from state building code requirements. Agricultural buildings are not exempt from zoning permit requirements.

Washington Township does not administer or enforce the provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code. The Board of Supervisors appointed outside sources to administer the UCC. Township residents in need of a building permit may contact one of the UCC administrators listed below.

**Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.**

**906 North River Road**

**Halifax, PA 17032**

**Phone: 896-8881 or 800-257-2190**

**Email: permits@light-heigel.com**

**Permit applications available on the Light-Heigel website at www.light-heigel.com**

**Lehigh Engineering, LLC**

**PO Box 1200 200 Mahantongo St.**

**Pottsville, PA 17901**

**Phone: 570-628-2300**

**Email: info@lehighengineer.com**

**Call Lehigh Engineering or Township office for permit application**

**BIU (Building Inspection Underwriters of Pa Inc.)**

**John Faust**

**Business: 717-582-4483**

**E-mail: jfaust@biuinc.com**