

# BOROUGH OF SWISSVALE

## REQUIRED PERMITS and APPLICATION TYPES

The following is brief description of what permits are to be used for the various regulated issues within the Borough of Swissvale that are enforced by the Swissvale Fire Department. Should you have any questions regarding any of these permits requirements, contact the Fire Chief/Building Code Official at 412-271-3940

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT-** This is to be used for all non-residential permit applications as well as any residential structure that contains 3 or more units and/or is 4 or more stories in height. This will also be used for fences over 6 feet in height and retaining walls over 4 feet in height on commercial properties.

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT-** This application is to be used for all single and two family residential structures and townhouses. This includes decks and any other construction that is attached to a residential structure as well as retaining walls over 4 feet in height and swimming pools.

**RE-ROOF PERMIT-** This application is to be used when a re-roof project is being done when there is no more than 32 square feet of decking replacement. This will primarily be used for shingle replacement projects. If more than 32 square feet of decking is going to be replaced, a Commercial or Residential Building Permit Application must be used and "alteration" box checked.

**DEMOLITION PERMIT-** This application shall be used for the demolition of any existing structure.

**FIRE ALARM PERMIT-** This application shall be used for any installation of or alteration to all existing fire alarm systems or any new system required to be installed in any commercial or multi-unit residential structure

**ZONING PERMIT-** This application will be used for regulated zoning issues where a building permit is not required such as fences under 6 feet in height, new retaining walls under 4 feet in height, sign installations or replacements. This permit application also applies to accessory use structures for a *detached single family dwelling*, such as shed, garages, carports, etc.

**DUMPSTER PERMIT-** This application is to be used any time a Dumpster or Storage POD is placed onto a borough street, sidewalk or right-of-way. Permits are valid for 30 days and must be renewed if more time is needed. A permit is not required if the dumpster is placed on private property.

**OCCUPANCY PERMIT-** This application is to be used any time there is a change in occupancy of any residential dwelling or commercial unit. This is also to be used for any "temporary occupancies" as required by the zoning ordinance and listed as temporary uses.