

BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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Basement Alteration Requirements

1. Submit two (2) complete sets of construction drawings to scale
2. Prepare floor plan showing basement layout. Include all dimensions indicating new and existing walls, door sized, stair width, stair railings, tread and riser dimension, closets, mechanical room, etc
3. Provide location of all proposed plumbing fixtures, ejector pump and /or sump pump along with a line diagram for water, drain and vent lines. **Plumbers must be registered with Buckingham Township.**
4. Provide a section through the new space indicating ceiling height, type of finished ceiling, framed wall construction with species and grade of stud, finish floor material, fire stopping at exterior walls, draft stopping at drop ceiling areas
5. Provide **underwriter approved** electrical plan indicating the location of all receptacle outlets, lighting fixtures, smoke detectors, switched and electrical panel. All work is to be inspected by an electrical inspection agency, see attached form.
6. Provide HVAC plans and calculations for the new habitable space
7. Provide a copy of your Workers Compensation Certificate with Buckingham Township named as certificate holder or fill out our Workers Compensation form. **PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT THIS PAPERWORK.**
8. The cost of a basement alteration permit is \$85.00 plus \$9.00 per \$1000.00 estimated structural cost with a minimum charge of \$175.00 and a \$7.00 education surcharge. Plumbing costs are \$18.00 per fixture with a minimum of \$60.00. Mechanical cost are \$80.00 for the first \$1000.00 and \$15.00 for additional \$1000.00 of construction cost. If the house has a fire suppression system there is a \$60.00 inspection fee. A non-refundable zoning fee of \$150.00 for the required outside egress is due at the time of application. Checks payable to Buckingham Township.
9. You will receive a list of required inspections with your building permit, including a final inspection. The building department **will not** issue a Certificate of Occupancy until all inspections are completed and approved.