

§ 403.42a. Permit application.

(a) Applications for a permit required under § 403.42 (relating to permit requirements and exemptions) shall be submitted to the building code official in accordance with this section.

(b) A permit applicant shall submit an application to the building code official and attach construction documents, including plans and specifications, and information concerning special inspection and structural observation programs, Department of Transportation highway access permits, all other permits or approvals related to the construction required under § 403.102(n) (relating to municipalities electing to enforce the Uniform Construction Code) and other data required by the building code official with the permit application. The applicant shall submit three sets of documents when the Department conducts the review.

(c) A licensed architect or licensed professional engineer shall prepare the construction documents under the Architects Licensure Law (63 P. S. §§ 34.1—34.22), or the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (63 P. S. §§ 148—158.2). An unlicensed person may prepare design documents for the remodeling or alteration of a building if there is no compensation and the remodeling or alteration does not relate to additions to the building or changes to the building's structure or means of egress.

(d) A building code official may require submission of additional construction documents in special circumstances.

(e) The permit applicant shall submit construction documents in a format approved by the building code official. Construction documents shall be clear, indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and show in detail that the work will conform to the Uniform Construction Code.

(f) All of the following fire egress and occupancy requirements apply to construction documents:

(1) The permit applicant shall submit construction documents that show in sufficient detail the location, construction, size and character of all portions of the means of egress in compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

(2) The construction documents for occupancies other than Groups R-2 and R-3 shall contain designation of the number of occupants to be accommodated on every floor and in all rooms and spaces.

(3) The permit applicant shall submit shop drawings for a fire protection system that indicates conformance with the Uniform Construction Code in accordance with the following:

(i) The shop drawings shall be approved by the building code official before the start of the system installation.

(ii) The shop drawings must contain the information required by the referenced installation standards contained in Chapter 9 of the "International Building Code of 2015."

(g) Construction documents shall contain the following information related to the exterior wall envelope:

(1) Description of the exterior wall envelope indicating compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

(2) Flashing details.

Source

The provisions of this § 403.43 amended December 24, 2009, effective December 31, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 7196. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (323802) to (323804).

Cross References

This section cited in 34 Pa. Code § 403.41 (relating to commercial construction); and 34 Pa. Code § 403.102 (relating to municipalities electing to enforce the Uniform Construction Code).

§ 403.44. Alternative construction materials and methods.

(a) Materials, products and methods of construction that were evaluated as meeting codes enumerated in § 403.21 (relating to Uniform Construction Code) by the ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. or an evaluation service accredited under the "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems" issued by the ISO (ISO Guide 65) are approved for use. The use shall conform with the evaluation.

(b) Materials, equipment and devices bearing the label or listed by a testing laboratory or quality assurance agency accredited by the International Accreditation Service, Inc. or another agency accredited under the "Calibration and Testing Laboratory Accreditation Systems-General Requirements for Operation and Recognition" issued by ISO (ISO Guide 58) are approved for use if:

(1) The testing laboratory or quality assurance agency deemed the material as meeting Uniform Construction Code-required standards.

(2) The scope of accreditation is applicable to Uniform Construction Code-required standards.

(c) A new building or remodeling, alteration, addition or change of use and occupancy of an existing building which complies with the International Performance Code of 2009 shall also be in compliance with the Uniform Construction Code.

Authority

The provisions of this § 403.44 amended under section 304(a)(1) and (2) of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act (35 P.S. § 7210.304(a)(1) and (2)).

Source

The provisions of this § 403.44 amended September 29, 2018, effective October 1, 2018, 48 Pa.B. 6261. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (347305) to (347306).

Cross References

This section cited in 34 Pa. Code § 403.41 (relating to commercial construction); and 34 Pa. Code § 403.102 (relating to municipalities electing to enforce the Uniform Construction Code).

§ 403.45. Inspections.

(a) A construction code official shall perform inspections to insure that the construction complies with the approved permit and the Uniform Construction Code.

(b) Before issuing a permit, a building code official may examine, or cause to be examined, buildings, structures, facilities or sites related to the permit application.

(c) The permit holder or an authorized agent shall notify the construction code official when work is ready for inspection and provide access for the inspection. The work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection. A construction code official may inspect the construction and equipment only during normal

hours at the construction site unless the permit holder or agent requests or agrees to another time. Inspections may be conducted under § 403.86 (relating to right of entry to inspect).

(d) A construction code official shall notify a permit holder if construction complies with the Uniform Construction Code or fails to comply with the Uniform Construction Code.

(e) A construction code official shall conduct a final inspection of the completed construction work and file a final inspection report, which indicates that all of the following areas met Uniform Construction Code requirements after a final inspection of the completed construction work:

- (1) General building under § 401.7(6) (relating to certification category specification for building inspector).
- (2) Electrical under § 401.7(7).
- (3) Plumbing under § 401.7(9).
- (4) Accessibility under § 401.7(11).
- (5) Fire protection under § 401.7(6).
- (6) Mechanical under § 401.7(8).
- (7) Energy conservation under § 401.7(10)

(f) A code administrator may act in place of a lumber grading or inspection agency to satisfy the requirements under section 2303.1.1 of the "International Building Code of 2015" or its successor code.

Authority

The provisions of this § 403.45 amended under section 304(a)(1) and (2) of the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act (35 P.S. § 7210.304(a)(1) and (2)).

Source

The provisions of this § 403.45 amended December 15, 2006, effective December 31, 2006, 36 Pa.B. 7548; amended September 29, 2018, effective October 1, 2018, 48 Pa.B. 6261. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (347306).

Cross References

This section cited in 34 Pa. Code § 403.102 (relating to municipalities electing to enforce the Uniform Construction Code).

§ 403.46. Certificate of occupancy.

(a) A building, structure or facility may not be used or occupied without a certificate of occupancy issued by a building code official.

(b) A building code official shall issue a certificate of occupancy within 5 business days after receipt of a final inspection report that indicates compliance with the Uniform Construction Code. The certificate of occupancy shall contain the following information:

- (1) The permit number and address of the building, structure or facility.
- (2) The permit holder's name and address.
- (3) A description of the portion of the building, structure or facility covered by the occupancy permit.
- (4) The name of the building code official who issued the occupancy permit.
- (5) The applicable construction code edition applicable to the occupancy permit.

403-24.2