**Solar Permitting**

**General Information for Solar Permitting**

This office provides permitting for **unincorporated** areas of Marion County, TN. If the property is in any of Marion County’s cities, permitting is thru that city.

Effective January 1, 2020, Marion County, TN adopted, and the Marion County Building Official enforces the 2018 editions of the International Codes.

Codes:

1. 2018 International Residential Code
2. 2018 International Plumbing Code
3. 2018 International Mechanical Code
4. 2018 International Fuel Gas Code
5. 2018 International Property Maintenance Code
6. 2018 Swimming Pool and Spa Code
7. 2018 International Fire Code

The exceptions are:

1. Section 2904 of the IRC regarding sprinkles, and
2. 2018 International Energy Code

Copies of the codes adopted January 1, 2020 by Marion County, TN can be viewed at the Marion County Court Clerk’s Office, 24 Courthouse Square, Minter Building, Suite 101, Jasper, TN 37347.

* All contractors must be licensed in their craft through the State of Tennessee.
* Wind Speed Requirements: 115 MPH wind load
* Snow Load Requirements: 10# snow load
* Seismic Design Category Requirements: None

**Minimum Setbacks**: Are measured from the property lines, **not the road or right-of-way.** The minimum setbacks allowed are:

**Front – Forty (40’) Feet; Side – Fifteen (15’) Feet; Rear – Fifteen (15’) Feet**

**Solar Permitting Process and Procedures**

* **Roof mounted solar panels require a permit** for property in **unincorporated** Marion County, TN and the Building Official will complete inspections.
* A completed Building Permit Application should be submitted and must include the State Tax Map and Parcel Number of the property where the roof mounted solar panels will be placed.

If the State Tax Map and Parcel Number is not known that information can be found online at

[Tennessee Property Data Home Page (tn.gov)](https://www.assessment.cot.tn.gov/RE_Assessment/).

Or

The Assessor of Property’s Office

Phone: 423 942 3494

Marion County Court House, Suite 203, Jasper, TN 37347

* The Building Permit Application must include the 9 1 1 address of the property, the contract value, the scope of work, 2 (two) copies of all structural details in addition to all other information requested on the Building Permit Application.
* You can download an Application for Building Permit from our website.
* There is not a portal to submit applications. The completed Building Permit Application and all structural details may be brought to our office in-person, sent via email to [gyeargan@marioncountytn.net](mailto:gyeargan@marioncountytn.net) or by regular mail to the Post Office Box and address above to the attention of Mr. Yeargan.
* Plan reviews are completed internally and normally take 24 to 48 hours.
* Electrical permits are obtained separately from the State of Tennessee at core.tn.gov or contact your local utility company for guidance.
* Contractors must be licensed in their craft through the State of Tennessee.

**Building Permit Fees**

* This fee is accessed at the time the Building Official completes review of the plans. The fee is not a flat rate fee. We are unable to provide the fee amount until the review process is complete.
* Payment can be made at your convenience after review. Our office does not call with the permit cost. Feel free to contact us for the fee amount.
* Building Permits are issued at the time payment is received.
* This office cannot accept debit/credit cards. Building Permit fees may be paid by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to the Marion County Trustee. Payment can be made in-person in our office or mailed to our office at Post Office Box and address above to the attention of Mr. Yeargan. If mailing, please include your email address so the permit can be sent to you.
* If for any reason after issuance of the Building Permit the construction is not started and/or completed, the Building Permit fee IS NOT REFUNDABLE or TRANSFERABLE.
* The Building Permit shall be construed to be a license to proceed with the work and not as authority to violate, cancel, alter or set aside any of the provisions of the technical codes, nor shall issuance of this permit prevent the Building Official from thereafter requiring a correction of errors in the plans, construction or violations of the code.

**Required Inspections**

1. Final Inspection for attachment of solar panels to the roof.

**Scheduling Inspections**

To schedule an inspection, phone 423 942 3527

Requests for inspections **should not** be sent via email

email is not assessible by all office staff and the request may be missed and not scheduled.

Allow one day’s notice when scheduling an inspection. Requests for Building Inspections left on the answering machine after 4:00 P.M. CST will be considered to have been received the following business day.

Provide the following information when requesting any inspection:

* Callers name and call-back number including the area code
* Building Permit Number **IMPORTANT:** This office does not use Lot Numbers
* 9 1 1 Property Address
* Type of inspection being requested
* Gate Code/Door Code if applicable

Inspections are scheduled Monday through Friday. We are unable to provide a specific time the Building Inspector will arrive. Footing Inspections are inspected first.