



Permit & Development Center

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Moving a building is a three-step process, and all three steps require permits from the City of Milwaukee.

1. A foundation must be constructed at the building's new site. A **footing and foundation permit** must be obtained for this work.
2. Permits must be obtained to allow the building to be moved over city streets. A **building moving permit** is required for this step.
3. You must clean & restore the site from which the building was moved. A **site clearance permit** is required for this step.

Here is more information about the required permits:

The footing and foundation permit is issued after your contractor presents plans for the foundation along with surveys showing the exact placement of the building on the new site. If you are moving the building to or from a historic district, the Historic Preservation Commission must also approve the plans.

The footing and foundation permit is issued by the Milwaukee Development Center. The cost of the permit is \$0.10 per square foot of the area of the foundation; minimum fee is \$175 for one/two family dwellings & accessory structures; \$200 for all other structures. For more information, call the Development Center Plan Examination section at (414) 286-8210.

The building moving permit is issued only to a licensed, bonded building moving contractor who has paid a \$10,000 bond to the City prior to the move. The application is submitted to the Milwaukee Development Center with the \$295 application fee. Inspectors from the Milwaukee Department of Public Works check the proposed moving route, to determine if trees or power lines obstruct the route. Additional fees are charged to remove such obstructions. For more information about this aspect of the project, call the Development Center Technical Team at (414) 286-8208.

The Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) issues the building moving permit (\$50), along with the site clearance permit (\$50) for the site from which the building is removed. These permits are issued only after a footing and foundation permit has been issued. For more information about the site clearance permit, call DNS at (414) 286- 2795.