

## **More Building Permit Fees Cut In Hillsborough**

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The Hillsborough Township Committee introduced an ordinance Tuesday evening which will eliminate Construction permit fees for masonry chimneys, gas logs and emergency generators, among other changes which Mayor Anthony Ferrara said are intended to “streamline the department to make it more efficient for the public.”

Hillsborough reduced about a dozen building permit fees for homeowners last October upon the recommendation of new Building Department Director Ron Skobo and Construction Official John Fiedler.

“This is a continuation of the effort to make the Building Department more responsive to the public,” Ferrara stated.

A key change by the Township is ending a requirement for the issuing of violations and for homeowners to open the walls of basements that were finished years before, but for which permits were never finalized, according to Mr. Fiedler.

Under the new proposal the Department will not require walls to be opened and will not issue violations. Instead a safety inspection will be made by the Department.

An outline of the various changes is attached.