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Summit County to provide building code enforcement in Barberton

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—Effective August 1, 2026, the Summit County Division of Building Standards will assume responsibility for State of Ohio required building code enforcement services for the City of Barberton following approval of an agreement by Barberton City Council on May 26 and Summit County Council on June 29.

Under the agreement, Summit County Building Standards will provide plan review, permitting, and inspection services for residential and non-residential construction projects within the City of Barberton. This includes the authority to review and approve plans and specifications; issue permits for the construction, repair, and alteration of structures; and conduct inspections to ensure compliance with applicable building codes.

“This partnership allows us to build on our shared goal of providing reliable, high-quality services to residents and businesses,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “Summit County’s Division of Building Standards is known for its knowledgeable staff and commitment to excellent customer service, and we are proud to partner with the City of Barberton to bring those strengths to the community.”

“We value this partnership with Summit County and the opportunity to continue to provide high-quality services to Barberton residents and businesses,” said Mayor Shorter Griffin. “Partnerships like this help us deliver efficient services while positioning our community for continued growth and development.”

All active and open Barberton permits will continue to be inspected by the city until August 1; they will then be inspected by the County. Barberton residents and businesses in need of assistance beginning August 1 may visit the Summit County Division of Building Standards at 1030 E. Tallmadge Avenue in Akron, call 330-630-7280, or visit [Summit County Building Standards](#).

With the addition of Barberton, Summit County Building Standards now provides commercial plan review and inspection services for 25 jurisdictions and residential plan review and inspection services for 24 jurisdictions throughout Summit County.

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