EZ Permit Standards: Porch Enclosures

Obtain permits for erection of porch enclosures for detached single and two-family dwellings and townhouses without submitting plans by meeting the Conditions and Design Limitations below. (Deviations will require submission of plans to the Department with your permit applications.)

Special Flood Hazard Area: If subject property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (Floodplain), additional documentation may be required.

Conditions

- EZ permit process shall not be applicable to buildings listed as historic as established by the Philadelphia Historical Commission.
- EZ permit process shall not be applicable to porch enclosures located less than five (5) ft from the property line.
- EZ permit process shall not be applicable to Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) applications.

Construction Requirements

- No limits in opening area for enclosures located at 5 ft or greater from property lines.
- Enclosure shall be provided with a continuous water-resistant barrier consisting of a minimum of one layer of No. 15 asphalt felt complying with ASTM D 225 for Type 1 felt or other approved water-resistive barrier applied over sheathing, terminated at penetrations and building appendages.
- Enclosures shall be provided with a means of draining exterior water that enters the assembly.