

# *Building Department*



*Building department office in village hall*





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## Cuyahoga Heights 2018 Centennial

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by Building Commissioner Norman J. Casini and  
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The Cuyahoga Heights Building Department became an official entity in 1920, when the mayor, council and electors officially adopted the Village Charter, effective January 1, 1920. Although officially founded in 1918, from 1918 to 1929, the State of Ohio Commerce Department controlled all permits for construction in what is now known as the Village of Cuyahoga Heights. Shortly thereafter, the Ohio Basic Building Code (OBBC) was adopted, and it was then that the village building department acquired jurisdiction over issuing building applications, permits, and inspections.

Since 1929, the building department has been fully vested in overseeing all areas of residential and commercial construction projects. The first village permit was issued on August 31, 1929 by Building Commissioner Les Reardon, to E.F. Hauserman, a manufacturer of metal partitions located at 6800 Grant Avenue. Permits were issued by the building commissioner through the engineer's office until 1935, when the village municipal hall was constructed. The building department occupied a small area on the first floor.

### Individuals who have served as Building Commissioner and Assistant Building Commissioner:

**Les Reardon | 1929 to 1937**

**John Petsche | 1937 to 1950**

**Edward Chadeayne | 1950**

**Ralph Kelsey | 1950 to 1951**

**John Petsche | 1952 to 1969**

**Jack Aker | 1969 to 1972**

**Mike Benza | 1972**

**Robert Falardeau | 1972 to 1988**

**Tony Bontempo | 1988 to 1990**

**Robert Falardeau | 1990 to 1995**

**Norman J. Casini | 1996 to Present**

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**Assistant Building Commissioner**

**Ken LaBella | 2015 to Present**

Significant, sizable projects that continue to have a vital, positive impact on the village include: the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (Southerly), Charter Steel Corporation, and Cuyahoga Heights School District. In 2008, the mayor and council enacted by ordinance the *George M. Suhy Grant Program*. This grant has greatly assisted our residential properties by providing funding for village homeowners in need of interior or exterior repair and landscape renovation. Use of this grant has improved safety, raised aesthetic curb appeal, while strengthening and increasing property values throughout the village.

Today, the building department occupies larger quarters in the lower level of the village hall that were once occupied by the police department and the jail cell.

The Cuyahoga Heights Building Department, fully computerized, continues the mission of review, oversight and approval of applications, permits, renovations and inspection of all commercial and residential

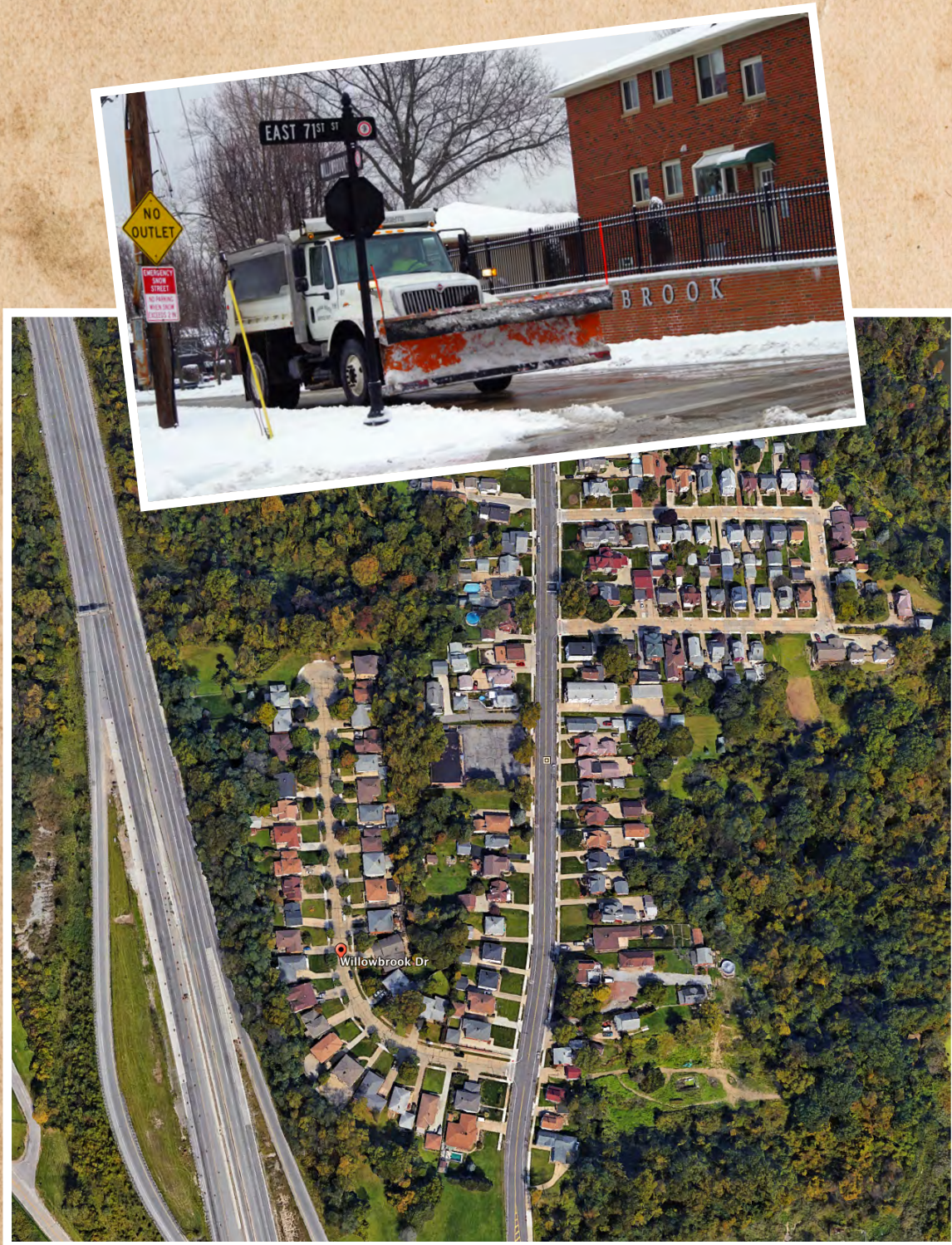
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structures within the village boundaries—including architectural and engineering review, in adherence with village ordinances and state codified building codes.

This commitment of the building department continues the legacy and vision of village leaders who came before us, maintaining their focus on structural integrity, safety and aesthetics for all those who live, work and visit the Village of Cuyahoga Heights.



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*Willowbrook Drive was the last residential street to be developed in the village*





*Willow Parkway and Nicky Boulevard were the last commercial streets developed in the village*





*4703 East 71st Street construction in 1960*



*Nobili home construction in 1957  
4600 East 49th Street*



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1-	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	32' x 66'	8/31/29
2-	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	Thumbing Permit	9/27/29
73	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	36.5' x 79'	6/13/35
82	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	114' x 40'	4/24/36
93	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	99' x 112'	11/4/36
96	HAUSERMAN Co. E.F.	210' x 86'	11/10/36
97	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	151' x 225.5'	2/25/37
254	HENRY HARRY	Thumbing	5/17/40
273	HENDERSON ADM'T JOHN P.	- 51971 -	12/31/40
286	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	29'-1 1/2" x 13'-5"	2/1/41
321	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	126'-4" x 31'-5"	3/20/44
343	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	340'-6 7/8" x 31'-8"	4/16/43
		Boiler House & Tool Shop	
373	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	113'-6" x 87'-3"	9/28/43
392	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	Temporary Guard House	3/20/44
393	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	Addn. South	3/20/44
		34'-4" x 23'-0"	
397	HARRIS SEYBOLD POTTER Co.	Addn. Office Bldg	9/25/44
		31'-0" x 18'-6"	
407	HIRSCH EDWARD A	REMODEL 2 <sup>ND</sup> STORY	11/1/45
410	HOPKINS THEODORE	LUNCH ROOM	12/14/45
414	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	MEET. Rm. & Locker Rm.	12/31/45
		Relocation Power Station	
431	HARRIS SEYBOLD Co.	ADDN. P.S. 21'-0" x 19'-6" - 151'-0 1/4" x 132'-6"	3/14/46
432	HARRIS SEYBOLD Co.	Addn. 96'-11" x 52'-8 1/2"	3/14/46
451	HOPKINS THEODORE	Addn. 12' x 6'	12/15/46
		Storage Garage	
453	HUBERT ELIAS & ANAX PETROLEUM	48'-8" x 35'-4"	1/11/47
		Moving Bldg. fr. 517 to 719 Harvard.	
465	HUBERT ELIAS	182 Story Residence	9/5/47
467	HAUSERMAN E.F. Co.	2- 10M. Gal Oil Tanks	9/6/47
		Wrecking, 37' x 61' Bldg. &	
493	HARRIS SEYBOLD Co.	Addn. of 154' x 12'	5/11/48
		Office & Factory Bldg.	
494	HARRIS SEYBOLD Co.	110'-6" x 42'-6 3/4"	5/11/48
500	HUBERT ELIAS	Septic Tank & Plumbing	6/11/48
580	HAUSERMAN Co. E.F.	100' x 250'	8/24/50
628	HAUSERMAN Co. E.F.		6/28/51
641	HARRIS SEYBOLD Co.	161' x 151'	9/1/51
654	HAUSERMAN Co. E.F.		11/26/51
661	HARRIS Seybold Co.	Shelter House 20'10" x 14'8"	1/21/52
697	Hanousek Joseph A.	Garage 21'-3" x 20'-0"	1/5/52

## Early Building Permit Ledger



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Permit No. <u>40</u>	<b>Village of Cuyahoga Heights</b>	Floor Area
Plan	<b>APPLICATION FOR PERMIT</b>	Building \$ <u>2.70</u>
Specifications		Plumbing \$
	New Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical \$
	Alteration or Repairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Misc. \$
		Total Fees \$ <u>2.70</u>

(Permit will include ONLY such work as detailed in this application)

Cleveland, O., March 7th 1932

To the Commissioner of Buildings:--

I, L. S. Farrar (Owner) hereby make application for a PERMIT to erect or build a structure as described in this application and the accompanying drawings and specifications are a part of this application.

The acceptance of the Permit herein applied for shall constitute an agreement on part to abide by all the conditions herein contained, and to comply with all ordinances of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights and the laws of the State of Ohio relating to the work to be done thereunder; and said agreement is a condition of said permit.

### LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

No. and Street 4909 E 71st Cuyahoga Hts Sublot No. 302

Allotment Size of Lot 45 x 160 ft

### DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING

Purpose Garage Length 18 Width 26 Stories 1

Occupancy of first floor Automobile Occupancy of floors above None

Construction Wood Height above grade 8"

Floor Construction Brick & Cement Roof Construction Wood & 3/4" Rafter

Character of Sub-soil Gravel Footings Foundation Concrete

Heating System None No. of Chimneys None Size of Flues None

Will a Ventilating System be installed? Yes Type

Will a System be installed for collecting dust, soot and fumes? Yes Type

No. of Stairs None Construction Enclosure

No. of Elevators None Type Enclosure

Total number of families or persons to occupy building

Will Sprinkler System be installed? Yes Kind

No. of Stand Pipes to be installed None Where located?

Estimated Cost \$ 150.00 Class Grade Div.

Additional Description

The applicant for said permit swears that he the owner of the premises herein described or the authorized agent for said owner and that the information herein set forth is true.

Owner L. S. Farrar Address 4854 E 71st

Agent Address

L. S. Farrar 1932 Residential  
Building Permit Application



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Permit No. <u>39</u> Plan _____ Specifications _____	<b>Village of Cuyahoga Heights</b> <b>APPLICATION FOR PERMIT</b>	Floor Area _____ Building \$ <u>2.68</u> Plumbing \$ _____ Electrical \$ _____ Misc. \$ <u>5.00</u> Total Fees \$ <u>7.68</u>
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☒ New Structure  
☐ Alteration or Repairs

(Permit will include ONLY such work as detailed in this application)

Cleveland, O., Mar 5th 1932 19\_\_

To the Commissioner of Buildings:--

I, Ferro Enamel Corporation (Owner) hereby make application for a PERMIT to erect or build a structure as described in this application and the accompanying drawings and specifications are a part of this application.

The acceptance of the Permit herein applied for shall constitute an agreement on our part to abide by all the conditions herein contained, and to comply with all ordinances of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights and the laws of the State of Ohio relating to the work to be done thereunder; and said agreement is a condition of said permit.

**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

No. and Street 4150 E. 56th St. Sublot No. X  
 Allotment X Size of Lot X

**DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING**

Purpose Water Filter & Storage Equipment Bldg 28'9" 15'9"  
 Tank Length 22'0" Width 22'0" Stories 1

Occupancy of first floor One floor only Occupancy of floors above XX

Construction Steel & Wood Height above grade Tank 66'  
Bldg 15'

Floor Construction Cement Roof Construction XX

Character of Sub-soil Clay Footings Concrete Foundation Concrete

Heating System None No. of Chimneys None Size of Flues None

Will a Ventilating System be installed? Yes Type Louvre

Will a System be installed for collecting dust, soot and fumes? Necessary Type XX

No. of Stairs None Construction XX Enclosure XX

No. of Elevators XX Type XX Enclosure XX

Total number of families or persons to occupy building Factory Equipment

Will Sprinkler System be installed? No Kind XX

No. of Stand Pipes to be installed XX Where located? XX

Estimated Cost \$ 3500.00 Class XX Grade XX Div. XX

Additional Description This is a water supply system consisting of pump, filters, and elevated cypress storage tank, 14' dia. x 16' high (16,400 gal. Cap.)

The applicant for said permit swears that we are the owner of the premises herein described or the authorized agent for said owner and that the information herein set forth is true.

Owner Ferro Enamel Corporation Address 4150 East 56th St.

Agent F. S. Markert Address "

F. S. Markert  
Chief Engineer.

Ferro Enamel Corporation 1932  
Building Permit Application



**THE NORTH AMERICAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY**

MANUFACTURERS OF INDUSTRIAL FUEL BURNING EQUIPMENT FOR GAS AND OIL

COMBUSTION



ENGINEERS

4455 EAST 71<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
**CLEVELAND 5, OHIO**

February 13, 1950

Mr. E.W. Chadeayne  
Village Engineer  
Village of Cuyahoga Heights,  
4863 East 71st Street  
Cleveland 9, Ohio

Dear Mr. Chadeayne:

We are enclosing the application for a building permit which you left with Mr. Brown last Saturday.

I believe that it has been properly filled out, but if there are any questions or missing information that you need, please feel free to call on me at any time.

The drawings that you picked up last Friday are applicable to this job.

Thank you very much for your friendly spirit of co-operation.

Very truly yours,

THE NORTH AMERICAN MFG. COMPANY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R.J. Neville'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

RJNeville:m Assistant General Manager.  
enc.

*1950 Cover Letter for  
Building Permit Application*



