

California's Building Department of the Year – Members of the City of Riverside Building & Safety Division receive recognition at the March 5, 2013 City Council meeting.

CALIFORNIA'S BUILDING DEPT OF THE YEAR

On April 22, 2013, the City of Riverside's Building and Safety Division was awarded the prestigious "*Building Department of the Year*" award for the State of California by the California Building Officials (CALBO) at their annual meeting in Napa, California. CALBO represents all Building Departments throughout California.

The Riverside Building Department was given special recognition for several innovative programs which streamline the inspection or permit issuance process for its customers. Some of those programs are highlighted in this newsletter.

Riverside is the only Building Department in California to have been awarded the Building Department of the Year award twice; in 2004 and in 2013.

Several local developers, contractors and architects were present at the City Council recognition. Tom Hunt and Mark Thompson, both active members of the development community, spoke to the City Council giving high praise to the Building and Safety Division for providing quality services and for being customer service driven and solution oriented.

Reroof Self-Certification Program for Roofing

The City of Riverside Building and Safety Division launched an innovative new program to streamline the reroof inspection process. Under the new program, certain types of reroof permits will no longer need a City Building Inspector to approve the work performed by the contractor. Roofing contractors participating in the program will be required to register with the City as Deputy Reroof Inspectors and will be given a brief training session on the limitations of the program. Fees for reroof permits under this program are greatly reduced due to the fact that a Building Inspector will not need to visit the work site. Any Roofing Contractor interested in participating in the program should contact a member of the Building and Safety Division at (951) 826-5697.

Water Heater Replacement Photo Inspection

Another new program has been developed to streamline water heater replacement inspections in the City of Riverside. Under this new program, approved contractors doing residential water heater replacements will not need to schedule the City Building Inspector to visit the job site. The Plumbing Contractor will merely take a few pictures of the new water heater installation and email those pictures to the Building Inspector for a visual review/photo inspection. Any Plumbing Contractor interested in participating in the program should contact a member of the Building and Safety Division at (951) 826-5697.

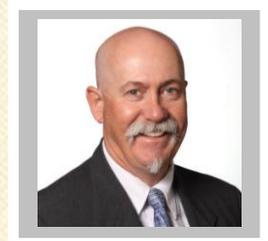
NEW State Building Codes to go into effect 1-1-2014

Every 3 years, the State of California adopts the most recent national building codes. The State also mandates that all California cities and counties adopt and begin enforcing those State codes on a specified date. According to the California Building Standards Commission, the 2013 California Building Codes (also known as Title 24) must be adopted and enforced beginning on January 1, 2014. Any projects submitted for first plan review on or after January 1, 2014 will be required to comply with the new codes. Projects submitted before that date will be allowed to remain under the previous editions of the codes for both plan review and inspections.

From the Building Official

Members of the Building and Safety Division are dedicated, talented, and knowledgeable professionals who look forward to helping you design and build a quality project. Let us know how we can help...

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