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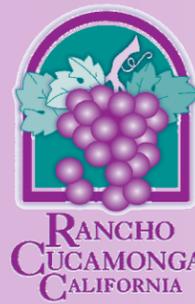
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MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING & SAFETY SERVICES DIRECTOR

PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY UPDATING THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS

The City of Rancho Cucamonga continues to work with our development community to ensure that doing business within the city can be done in an expeditious and efficient manner. This article highlights some of the recent updates to the Development Review process, from initial submittal of plans to occupancy and re-tenanting of buildings.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga recognizes the importance of economic development and the Development Review process as a critical component in achieving both quality development and private investment in our City. Accordingly, it was determined that a review and update of this process would help ensure the most efficient way to achieve quality development and expeditious processing, leading to the creation of jobs and private investment.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

To be successful in updating the Development Review Process, obtaining feedback and suggestions from private sector professionals that have extensive experience with the City's entitlement and permit process was critical. With this in mind, staff convened a working group that consisted of participants from various fields of development which was based on experience, knowledge, areas of professional focus and experience with Rancho Cucamonga as well as other jurisdictions' development review processes to provide valuable feedback and recommendations. After numerous meetings, the Working Group provided several recommendations such as: changing the name of the Completeness Letter, creating options for electronic plan submittals, more in-house services, releasing correction at one time, more pre-plan check meetings with developers, identifying the project manager early on in the submittal process, conducting a development process feedback survey that would allow applicants to provide comments, along with several other excellent suggestions. As a result of this updating process, the Working Group will reconvene every 2-3 years to review the development process.

For more information about the Development Review update, please contact me at (909) 477-2710 ext. 4201.



Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year!!

CITY HOLIDAYS

Thursday, December 22nd
(Observance Christmas)

City Call Closure
 December 26th -29th

Inspection Requests during Holiday Closure (see page 3)

Monday, January 2nd
(New Year's Day)

Monday, January 16th
(Martin Luther King)

****REMINDER****

City Hall is closed every Friday, but Code Enforcement services are available on Fridays

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS are beautiful on houses and trees, but remember too many lights strung together can create a very dangerous situation. Too many lights can overload the electrical outlets and cause an electrical fire. Always check the extension cords and make sure that they are not warm to the touch.

CANDLES are beautiful on birthday cakes, but not on or around your Christmas tree. Be safe this season and keep your tree away from any open flames.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY CHRISTMAS TREE AFTER CHRISTMAS?

CHRISTMAS TREES are always fun to pick out, but whether you go to a tree farm or your local tree lot always remember Safety First. Don't choose a tree that has a dry (non-sticky) base or doesn't have firm needles that are hard to pull off of the branch. These are signs that the tree has been without water for too long and can be too dry and can catch fire easily.



For your convenience, residents of Rancho Cucamonga can place their Christmas tree on the curb on collection day between December 26, 2011 and January 10, 2012, and Burrtec will gladly pick it up. Remember to remove all ornaments and lights. For information, contact **Burrtec at (909) 987-3717**.

WHAT IS GRAY WATER?

The California legislature passed a law in 1992 legalizing gray water use in the cities and counties of California. The legislation directed the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) to adopt standards for the installation of gray water systems and the use of gray water. The CDWR standards define gray water as untreated single-family residential wastewater from all sources, excluding toilet, kitchen sink, and dishwasher. Gray water use is to be limited to subsurface application through drip and mini-leach field irrigation systems.



Before the new regulations, gray water use in California was not legal. Gray water was considered wastewater, and all wastewater had to go to an approved sewer or septic system. Despite this regulation, many people were using gray water to water their vegetation or run it to the gutter system in the street.

City of Rancho Cucamonga has approved the use of gray water irrigation through sub-surface distribution when conditions are suitable. This information is found in the California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5; this information is based on the California Gray water Standards, commonly called the California Gray water Standards (Appendix J). These are the official rules for using gray water in California. The Standards require that a building permit be obtained before a gray water system is installed. Check with the City of Rancho Cucamonga Building and Safety Services Department for information on our permit process and any variations we might have made to the Gray water Standards before you proceed.

For more information on gray water, contact Mark Berg, Inspection Supervisor at **(909) 477-2710 ext. 4203**.

CONGRATULATIONS BUILDING & SAFETY!!

DEPARTMENT SCORES CLASS "2" RATING FOR BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVENESS PROGRAM



Building and Safety recently completed a strict review by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) for how well they are enforcing the building codes adopted by the City. As a result, the department scored a class "2" rating on a rating scale of 1-10; 1 representing exemplary commitment to building-code enforcement. Receiving high ratings is something that the Building and Safety Department can take great pride. With this rating, it puts Rancho Cucamonga Building Department among the top 10-percent of jurisdictions statewide. What this means for Building and Safety and for the residents of Rancho Cucamonga, is while individual property insurers may use different credits, the premium for the property/fire insurance for private properties in the city may be lower due to the higher rating of the local building department.

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The City of Rancho Cucamonga Building and Safety Services Department supports and encourages the use of both Personal Electric Vehicles (PEV) and Compressed Natural Gas Vehicles (CNG). The City has developed an easy process for obtaining permits to install charging equipment required to charge your PEV or to fill your CNG vehicle. In either case, the installation will require either a simple electrical or plumbing permit or both.

The City has put together a simple, yet extensive hand-out to help the contractors/homeowners obtain the required building permits for the installation of either the PEV charging station or the CNG filling unit in most residential locations. These handouts may help you plan and install your equipment in the home. It is important to remember that if you do not own the property where the new equipment is to be installed, you should first discuss your plans with the owner, condo association or building management before making application because permit applications will need to be signed by the property owner or authorized agent.

These types of building permits are normally issued on a same-day/over-the-counter basis, The Building and Safety Services Department's current policy is to conduct your requested building inspection within 24 hours of request. In a more general sense, the consumer-friendly information and EV-ready/CNG checklists have been prepared and can be found on the City's websites to help residents move through the process easily. In addition, the hand-outs have been mailed to different car dealers in the region to promote this simplified permit and inspection process in an effort to promote "Green" technology.

For more information, you can contact Mark Berg, Building Inspection Supervisor at **(909) 477-2710 ext. 4203**.



HOLIDAY INSPECTION REQUESTS

Due to furlough time off, all City offices will be closed December 27-29, however Building Inspections will be performed on Dec. 22nd and 27th - 29th by calling **(909) 477-2710 x4215**. When leaving a message, be sure to include your information and the type of inspection. Inspection requests called before 4pm will be performed the next business day.