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DID YOU KNOW....

Rancho Cucamonga has a "Street Address" Ordinance? This ordinance was created to help emergency vehicles locate a home, or assist utility companies with identifying your house. It's very important that your house is properly labeled and meets the minimum standards, because without proper posting the response time could be delayed. Check and make sure that your house numbers are clear and visible from the street. If you have questions regarding the code, contact **Code Enforcement at (909) 477-2712** with any questions.

Q & A

 **How much does a permit cost?** Since the costs of permits can vary depending on the project, it would be best to contact the Building and Safety department by email, phone, fax, or come into the office so that our staff can better assist you.

 **Can an owner obtain a permit as an "owner/builder"?** Yes, as long as you have the proper paperwork and all required plans.

 **Can I draw my own plans?** In many cases you are able to submit your own drawings for "simple permits", such as patio covers, site plans for location of block walls and single room additions. However, if Title 24 Energy Calculations and Structural Calculations are required, you would need to consult a design professional for these documents. If in doubt, contact the Building & Safety department.



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City Holidays

Monday, May 25th

Thursday, July 2nd

****REMINDER****

City Hall is closed every Friday

Building Inspection & Code Enforcement services are available on Fridays.

The Buzz in Building

"Dedicated to public safety and the quality of life by fostering strong relationships with residents, construction industry and the business community"

Message from the Building & Safety Official



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NEWLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE NUISANCE CREATED BY THE ABANDONED AND VACANT BUILDINGS

Due to the economic downturn, the City has been experiencing an increasing number of foreclosed/abandoned/vacant homes and closed businesses. Many vacant properties have failed to adequately maintain the aesthetics and visual integrity of their property, and in some cases owners have not safely secured the premises and have created an unsafe environment for the public. When experiencing poorly maintained conditions of abandoned residences, and less vibrant businesses, potential new homeowners and business owners decide to take their interest somewhere else, thus having a negative impact on the City's economic welfare.

In an effort to protect the welfare of the City, and to create a stable economy and image, an ordinance that would address these problems was recently adopted. The Ordinance would place regulations on owners for the maintenance and security of residential, commercial and industrial properties that have been deemed vacant or abandoned. The Ordinance requires that the owner/lender of an abandoned and vacant property do the following:

-  Register the abandoned property with the City's Building and Safety department. The registration would be good for one year and can be renewed annually.
-  The property shall post the name and contact phone number of the person responsible for the maintenance of the property. This posting should be easily visible from the street.
-  If the owner or beneficiary lives out-of-the-area, they must list a local responsible person to monitor the property.
-  The property will be required to be secured to prevent inaccessibility to unauthorized persons.
-  Property's landscape must be maintained to meet the City's landscaping maintenance requirements.
-  Pools and spas must be secured to prevent against any unlawful entry or conditions and they shall be maintained to meet the health and safety requirements.

Violations of the ordinance will be considered a misdemeanor, and the City will have the option to exercise the administrative citation process or other legal processes to remedy the nuisance or violations. For more information about this ordinance and its requirements, please contact the **Code Enforcement Division at (909) 477-2710 ext. 4253 or ext. 4255 or go online at http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/dept_bldg_safety.htm to obtain a copy of the complete ordinance.**



"The Buzz"

The Spot Light is on two of our own....

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Pete Rouch, Inspector

Successfully completed his training and testing to become **Commercial Mechanical Inspection and Plumbing** certified for the State of California



Chris LeBere, Inspector

Successfully completed his training and testing to become **Commercial Mechanical Inspection** certified for the State of California

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWSPAPER RACKS



The City recently conducted a public hearing; prior to the adoption of a new ordinance that would regulate the location placement of newspaper racks throughout the city. The city council finds that the news racks, stands, containers, and similar newspaper and vending devices have proliferated and increased in areas of the City to the extent that, in some instances, they constitute a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare by impeding pedestrian traffic and interfering with ingress and egress to and from buildings, vehicles, and public modes of transportation. For the purpose of defining "Newspaper Rack", this is a self-service or coin operated box, container, storage unit, or other dispenser, including any attached support structure, that is installed, used, or maintained for the display, sale, or distribution of any publication. The Newspaper Rack Ordinance does not apply to UPS or similar private mail service units. Private mail service companies are required to apply for an encroachment permit through the Engineering Department. For more information regarding placement standards, maintenance standards, and other requirements pertaining to this ordinance, contact **Dan James, Senior Civic Engineer** at **(909) 477-2700 ext. 4020**

OWNER-BUILDER REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED!

Effective January 1, 2009 property owners who are submitting for an owner-builder permit are now required to complete an "Owner Acknowledgement of Information" form prior to being issued a permit. The form contains detailed information regarding the responsibilities that comes with obtaining a permit as an "owner-builder". In the event an application is being submitted by someone other than the owner; on their behalf, the owner is required to complete a form *Authorizing a Agent to Act on Property Owner's Behalf*, and return the form along with a copy of the owner's picture identification with the application. Forms can be accessed on the Building and Safety website at http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/dept_bldg_safety.htm, or a form can be obtained directly from the department. Contact the Building & Safety Department for further questions at **(909) 477-2700 ext 4246**

B&S UPDATED FORMS

With so many people using the internet to access public documents, we are finding that sometimes these documents are not the most up to date versions. For updated forms that are currently being used by the Building and Safety department, go to our website at http://www.ci.rancho-cucamonga.ca.us/dept_bldg_safety.htm, or contact our department with any questions and more importantly before you begin a project

A REMINDER FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTION UNIT.....NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

Digging or demolition near buried pipelines is the number one cause of pipeline damage. Only major pipeline routes are marked above ground using high-visibility markers with the name and phone number of the Gas Company. Anyone who plans to do any excavation, whether to plant a tree, install a fence, grade for a development or till farmland, should call 8-1-1 at least two workdays before any digging or excavation. The One-Call center will coordinate with us and other utilities to mark the location of our facilities. This service is FREE of charge. Customers are encouraged to know where their gas meter is located and to keep a 12-inch or larger wrench available in their emergency preparedness supplies. After an earthquake or similar emergency, customers are encouraged to check for gas leaks. Customers are advised to turn off their gas meter only if they smell gas or hear it escaping or have another indication of a leak. Natural gas pipeline leaks, although rare, can occur and are detected by a distinctive odor, noise (hissing, whistling or roaring sound), or seeing dead or dying vegetation over or near a pipeline. A fire near the pipeline could also occur following an earthquake or other disaster. If a gas leak is detected, do not activate any source of ignition including electrical devices. Leave the area and call The Gas Company directly at **(800) 427-2200** or the fire department. Additional safety information can be found on <http://www.socalgas.com/safety>

FIRE SPRINKLER BRACING REQUIREMENTS

Since Fire sprinkler designers are required to perform calculations that are subject to interpretation, the Fire Construction Services division (FCS) has created a new policy for design guide lines of the CP Factor. Rather than having to evaluate up to 17 potential design factors based on locations throughout the City, the guideline now gives the designer specific areas of the City and only 3 corresponding engineering factors. This information will allow consistent designing of the earthquake bracing required as part of fire sprinkler systems and expedite the design process for our customers. For more information or a copy of the new Fire Construction Services policy, contact the **FCS division** at **(909) 477-2700 ext.2713**



NEW FACES IN BUILDING & SAFETY AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Building and Safety extends a warm welcome to our newest part-time Code Enforcement Officer, Jose De La Torre, and we welcome Code Enforcement's two newest volunteers, **Tom Lawrence** and **Lorette Olivas** will assist staff with variety of duties such as, locating and pulling illegal signage, reporting graffiti, and looking for abandoned shopping carts.