

Office of Building Department

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PILOT PROGRAM RE-INSPECTIONS BY PHOTOGRAPH POLICY

In an effort to minimize the number of site visits for any given construction project, the department is now allowing the use of digital photographs as a form of re-inspections for specific corrections of deficiencies as identified on an initial or subsequent inspection. Only minor deficiencies that do not affect life safety issues will be considered for photographic re-inspections.

The following rules must be followed:

- The submission of photographs must be approved by the initial inspector.
- Re-Inspection photographs shall be submitted to the initial inspector for review and approval.
- Submission of photographs does not guarantee approval. The Inspector will review the photographs(s) and an acknowledgement must be received prior to moving forward with the project.
- Review times for individual inspector may vary due to workload and availability. Do not assume the photograph(s) will be reviewed as soon as they are sent.
- Finishes that are installed prior to the receipt of the approval acknowledgement may need to be removed in the event of a failed re-inspection. Any necessary re-work will be done so at the expense of others.
- Photographs are to be taken so that the initial violation can be identified as resolved and the location / address can be confirmed.
- All photographs are to be uploaded to City Squared.

PLEASE NOTE: Sending photographs through emails may delay the process. Emails containing pictures cannot exceed 15mb. If emails exceed 15mb in size the Town servers will not allow the email to be delivered.

Please contact the department with any questions.

This is a pilot program which will sunset on 7/1/2024 unless extended prior to that date.

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Inspections

Building Department Update

Inspections are a critical component to the building and construction processes. Inspections are also required by the 2022 Connecticut State Building Code which is based on the 2021 International Code Councils model codes. The inspections must be performed at specific intervals during the construction process in order for the. The Code Sections for inspections are listed below.

Section 110 Inspections

[A] 110.1 General

Construction or work for which a permit is required shall be subject to inspection by the building official and such construction or work shall remain visible and able to be accessed for inspection purposes until approved. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid. It shall be the duty of the owner or the owner's authorized agent to cause the work to remain visible and able to be accessed for inspection purposes. Neither the building official nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to allow inspection.

[A] 110.5 Inspection Requests

It shall be the duty of the holder of the building permit or their duly authorized agent to notify the building official when work is ready for inspection. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to provide access to and means for inspections of such work that are required by this code.

[A] 110.6 Approval Required

Work shall not be done beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining the approval of the building official. The building official, upon notification, shall make the requested inspections and shall either indicate the portion of the construction that is satisfactory as completed, or notify the permit holder or the permit holder's agent wherein the same fails to comply with this code. Any portions that do not comply shall be corrected and such portion shall not be covered or concealed until authorized by the building official.