

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Definition

Under direction, to inspect buildings and structures to see that construction or alteration work is being done according to approved plan and in accordance with the provisions of building codes and ordinances; and to do related work as required.

Examples of Duties

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following: Checks plans to insure that proposed construction meets building code requirements; inspects buildings and similar structures to see that construction, alterations, or maintenance work complies with provision of the building codes and ordinances; checks to see that buildings and structures are being constructed in a safe manner and in accordance with approved plans and specifications; checks the quality of materials and the methods of construction for all wood framing, concrete materials, steel erection, lathing, plastering and other construction work; makes inspections of existing buildings to determine hazardous conditions and for the residential inspection ordinances; makes investigations to enforce the zoning ordinance; issues permits and collects fees; issues abatement notices; gives information to builders and others regarding requirements of building codes and ordinances; approves certificates of final inspection; coordinates with other City departments.

Employment Standards

Experience and Education

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience: Four (4) years of responsible experience in the building trade construction or building inspection fields, preferably with journey-level status in any related trade. Possession of certification as an Inspector from the ICBO at time of application is desirable, but not required.

Education: Any combination equivalent to graduation from high school supplemented by courses in Engineering.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: Building construction methods and materials; state and local laws relating to construction.

Ability to: Read and interpret building plans and specifications and to enforce their application in building construction; maintain physical condition appropriate to performance of assigned duties and responsibilities; work at a centralized public counter and work with a diverse group of people; use computer hardware and software for an automated permitting and inspection system; prepare clear written reports; deal effectively with and secure the cooperation of persons connected with the building trades.

License(s) and/or Certificate(s)

Must possess a valid California Driver's License and have an acceptable driving record at time of appointment.

Possession of a valid Certification from the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) as a Certified Inspector and in one of the following: plumbing, mechanical, electrical certification is required within one year of employment.