



Building Code - Clarifications and Interpretations

Introduction

Consistency and fairness in the interpretation and application of the Building Code is paramount in maintaining the confidence of the development/design/construction community in the efficiency and integrity of the permit process. Citizens who may only apply for one permit must also view the permit process as evenhanded and rational. It is essential to the continued acceptance of the permit process and the resulting safety of the citizens of Chicago that all plans and applications are judged by the same standards.

The following paragraphs are Department of Buildings clarifications and interpretations of certain sections of the Building Code. These sections have come to require further explanation in order to resolve confusion over when and how they are intended to be applied.

Please bear in mind that each project is unique, and may include elements that make the guidelines presented here inapplicable. Where specific cases require additional analysis of the Code, the Building Commissioner or his/her designee will provide the definitive interpretation. In such cases, and as a general rule, the Municipal Code is the primary authority, and in case of any inconsistency between the Code and these guidelines, the Code should be followed.

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