

Subject: Repeat plans under the 2007 MN State Building Code which includes the 2006 IRC/IBC.

The Owatonna Building Inspection Division has been asked to update contractors on the process related to repeat plans as the new 2007 MN State Building Code and 2006 IRC/IBC enforcement begins December 1st, 2007.

Repeat plans drawn or reviewed based on the previous 2000 code(s) will not be accepted... All plans submitted on December 1st, 2007 will be completely reviewed based on the new 2007 code provisions. (NO EXCEPTIONS). New submitted plans should already be updated to include new foundation details, braced wall lines, and all new code provisions. **Once the 1st review is complete under the 2007 codes; repeat plans, that have been updated with corrected notes and details based on the new code provisions, will be accepted as repeat plans under currently established procedures. (2007 MN State Building Code section 1300.0160 subpart 5 & 6).** It is the contractor/designers responsibility to transfer review notes or requested correction details to the plans before re-submittal. Repeat plans that have minor modifications or simple changes shall have those changes *ballooned* for recognition of the changes.

Plans submitted for review prior to December 1st, 2007 and reviewed under the 2000 IRC shall have the permits issued and picked up within (30 days) of notification by the Building Inspection Division of readiness and construction shall begin no later than (180 days) from the date of permit issuance. Projects that do not begin shall be voided and the permitting process shall start over applicable to the new 2007 code provisions. Additional fees may be charged.

The Owatonna Building Inspection Division has held off on implementation of the new codes until December 1st, 2007 to allow for contractors and their designers to educate themselves on the new code requirements. Therefore, the newly submitted plans should be substantially compliant with these new provisions. This department will work with designers and contractors to tweak minor inconsistencies with the new plan submittals for current code applications.

Please contact the Building Inspection Department if you have any questions at 507-444-4370.

Future training seminars are being developed similar to the last code cycles training to be held at a local establishment for contractors and their designated employees. Dates and places will be announced when the program has been completed. Please be patient, contractor training has been and is available through other sources such as:

Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO) <http://www.ambo.us/education.html>

Builders Association of Minnesota (BAMN) <http://bamn.org>

MN Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) http://www.doli.state.mn.us/bc_education.html

P.s. Code books with MN amendments already published within the text are now available. Visit AMBO website <http://www.ambo.us/pdf/Code%20Book.pdf> for more information.