April 27, 2015

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing you because you are a plumbing contractor that operates in the enforcement area covered by the Houghton Lake Building Agency. After a recent meeting with the State of Michigan Inspection Department, I have determined that a few changes will have to take place in order to get permits finalized. My task of inspecting is to protect the owners and occupants of any home or building that requires a plumbing and/or mechanical permit. As you know, it has not been an easy task given the changes in the codes and often complex code issues. We have also been in a new era of changes in liabilities and litigations. So in short listed below are some of the new procedures you must follow. To better enforce the codes the following must completed before an approval will be given.

R105.1 ALL PERMITS MUST BE SECURED BEFORE STARTING WORK.

R106.1 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED.

PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT ALL BATHTUBS AND WHIRLPOOL TUB VALVES MEET

ASSE 1070 OR CONFORMS TO SEC. P2708.3 SHOWER VALVES MUST MEET ASSE 1016 OR CSA B125.

HAND HELD SHOWERS MUST MEET ASME A112.18.1 OR CSA B125.1.

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION WILL RESULT IN A FAILED INSPECTION AND A REINSPECTION FEE.**

**THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS MUST BE TESTED WHILE I AM PRESENT PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL. YOU MAY TEST THESE SYSTEMS TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY**. **THE PERMIT HOLDER OR A LICENSED EMPLOYEE MUST BE PRESENT AT THE TEST TO BE APPROVED.**

P2503.4 BUILDING SEWER TESTING.

P2503.5.1 PLUMBING D.W.V. TESTING.

P2506.6 SHOWER LINER TEST.

Pursuant to P2603.2.1 PROTECTION AGAINST PHYSICAL DAMAGE, **LARGE PROTECTOR PLATES ARE REQUIRED AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM PLATES.**

During the last few years I have had a large amount of open permits which have never been inspected due to the permit holder not calling for inspections. It is the permit holder’s responsibility to notify the inspector to schedule an inspection so it can be performed in a timely manner. Failure to call for any inspection may result in added fees and a complaint being filed with the State of Michigan enforcement division.

Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have regarding the above.

Thank you

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