



## BUILDING INSPECTIONS

August 19, 2009

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

#### REVISION TO CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

The City Council adopted Ordinance 961 on August 18, 2009 revising the contractor registration ordinance. The new ordinance is effective September 1, 2009.

The most significant change is it distinguishes General Contractors from Trade Contractor by stating trade contractors are those licensed by the state including:

- *Electrical contractor* means a contractor who performs work as defined in chapter 1305 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- *Irrigation contractor* means a contractor who performs work as defined in chapter 1903 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- *Mechanical contractor* means an air conditioning and refrigeration contractor as defined in chapter 1302 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- *Plumbing contractor* means a contractor who performs work as defined in chapter 1301 of the Texas Occupations Code.
- *Water Well Driller and Pump Installer* means a contractor who performs work as defined in chapter 1901 of the Texas Occupations Code.

Trade contractors will no longer be required to register with the city and pay the annual registration fee. Trade contractors are still required to obtain permits and inspections.

All permit applications will require the name of the license holder and the state license number exactly as they are listed by the state. License and insurance will be verified on line at time of application.

Backflow prevention testers are not exempted by this ordinance. Their registration is regulated by ordinance 699-A.

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