

NOTICE AND REMINDER OF INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

The Department has recently noticed an increase to footings and/or foundations that have been poured without obtaining the required inspection(s) by our office. Upon discovery, after-the-fact engineer's report are required to be submitted for such footing or foundations. However, we are finding the submittal of an after-the-fact engineer's report is becoming a more frequent occurrence.

Please note, as required by the 2015 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (VUSBC), Section 113.1, the work performed shall not be deemed to be in compliance until approved by the inspecting authority. Section 113.1.2, under Duty to Notify, when construction reaches a stage of completion that requires an inspection, the permit holder shall notify the building official. At minimum, Section 113.3 requires an inspection of footing excavations and foundation system prior to placement of concrete. Please be aware, failure to obtain the required inspection is a violation of these sections and are subject to civil penalties as per Section 115 of the USBC.

Section 113.7 of the VUSBC addresses the use of third party agencies or individuals. The use of this section and the Department's Third Party Inspection Policy is allowed only under previously approved conditions (such as a severe weather event) or when our office is unable to perform the inspection within two working days of the an inspection request. If such conditions are applicable, per the Department's Third Party Inspection Policy, an application must be submitted and the person or firm must be pre-approval by the Building Official prior to the use of such individual or firm.

As additional information and assistance to request inspections, the City's eBUILD system allows the permit holder to view inspection status of all related permits to the address. This is a great tool to help you manage the project and to help ensure requests for inspections are submitted as required and that the inspections are submitted in the correct sequence. Please go to www.cityofchesapeake.net/ebuild to create an eBUILD account or to use the system.

If you have any questions regarding the application of these code sections, please contact me at 382-6018.

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