

# Safety Codes Services Newsletter

## Planning & Development Services

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## **BUILDING**

1. **Energy Codes are enforceable effective November 1, 2016.** Safety Codes Services have been working to modify our existing paperwork to accommodate the new Energy Codes. New applications, checklists, and tools, will be available on the City website for downloading. Starting November 1, 2016, all new permit applications must include the updated forms.
  - a. Residential Permit Application Form (*see attachments*)
    1. Residential Checklist for New Construction and Additions to existing buildings
  - b. Commercial Permit Application Form (*see attachments*)
    1. Commercial checklist for buildings requiring professional involvement
    2. Commercial checklist for buildings with no professional involvement
    3. Commercial checklist for interior renovations and tenant improvements
2. **9.36 Energy Efficiency User Guide.** We have created a companion guide to help designers and owners ensure compliance with the new drawing requirements recently established. The guidelines provide a more detailed insight as to what must be on the construction drawings that support a building permit application. (*see attachment*)
3. **New Drawings Requirements.** To better ensure compliance with the Safety Codes Act and newly implemented Energy Codes, Safety Codes Services has increased the requirements for construction drawings and compliance monitoring. The construction drawings must include sufficient information to determine compliance as stated in Div C 2.2.8. Drawings, Specifications, and Calculations for Energy Performance Compliance. The new permit applications, checklists, and User Guides help outline the additional information that will be required. Please contact the Commercial and Residential Plans examiners for additional information.
4. **Pre-Application meetings.** We understand that there may be issues during the initial implementation and enforcement of the new Energy Codes. Safety Codes Services will be extending additional help as needed to ensure the successful transition into the new code. Pre-application meetings are still being offered and encouraged to help owners and designers comply with the new, stringent requirements.