Requirements for (Accredited) Municipalities

PERMIT REGULATION (AR 204/2007)

Safety Codes Act

The Permit Regulation (AR 204/2007) will come into force on April 1, 2008. The regulation applies to accredited municipalities and sets out the permit requirements in six technical disciplines (building, electrical, fire, gas, plumbing and private sewage) and places these requirements in a standalone regulation.

The Permit Regulation deals exclusively with permit issues. The certification provisions in the Certification and Permit Regulation will still exist in a separate regulation.

Many municipalities establish permit requirements through bylaws and policies specific to their municipalities, some of which are not consistent with the intent of the Safety Codes Act. These will need to be reviewed before April 1, 2008.

Some changes include:

- An easier to read format that outlines the kind of projects that require a permit in each discipline and permit eligibility.
- The ability for the accredited municipality or agency to limit the scope of work for permits that are taken out by homeowners or farm building owners to ensure safety is maintained.
- Removal of the authorized contractor permit.

Municipalities are reminded that safety code permits are separate from the requirements for development permits issued under the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

A guidebook for the administration of the regulation is being developed by the Safety Services Branch and will be available to all municipalities in the near future.

Information regarding the regulation is available on our website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/cp_index.cfm.

Questions about the Permit Regulation can be directed to the Safety Services Branch by telephone at 1-866-421-6929 (toll-free) or by e-mail at safety.services@gov.ab.ca.