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Roseville Earns National Building Department Accreditation

The city of Roseville is the first municipality in California to earn national accreditation by the International Accreditation Service (IAS). Building Department Accreditation (BDA) signifies that the Roseville Building Department operates under the highest professional and technical standards.

“We are very excited to be the first jurisdiction in the state of California to obtain this credential,” said Roseville Chief Building Inspector Gene Paolini. “Having this accreditation further validates our processes and procedures of providing permitting, plan check and inspection services to all those we serve.”

The Roseville Building Department issues nearly 5,000 permits and performs about 40,000 inspections a year. The department has 11 inspectors, eight plans examiners and two permit techs on staff.

“We learned a lot going through this process about areas we can improve and perfect with the services we provide,” said Paolini. “One of the things we never thought about was the self audit to quantify the quality of permitting, plan check and inspection services. This procedure alone was worth the time invested in going through the accreditation process.”

“Earning Building Department Accreditation is a great achievement and demonstrates the Roseville Building Department’s commitment to public safety,” said IAS President Chuck Ramani. “To achieve accreditation, the department underwent rigorous assessments to verify that it operates under the highest ethical, legal and technical standards while providing enhanced life safety and property protection.”

To achieve IAS Building Department Accreditation, the Roseville Building Department was assessed across 13 distinct categories of accreditation criteria: basic jurisdictional information, department staff, permitting, budget, construction codes, plan reviews, professional credentials/licenses, inspections, certificates of occupancy, on-site evaluations, annual reports, reevaluation, and complaints/appeals. IAS evaluators carefully assessed critical elements of the building departments including customer service, code interpretation and enforcement, and fiscal strength, expertise and compliance with the IAS Accreditation

Criteria for Building Departments/Code Enforcement Agencies. The on-site teams also visited construction sites to appraise the performance of the city's inspection process.

International Accreditation Service, a subsidiary of the International Code Council, has offered Building Department Accreditation since January 2005. Several major cities across the nation are currently going through the accreditation process.

The nation's leading provider of building department accreditation, IAS also assesses and accredits testing and calibration laboratories, fabricator inspection programs, special inspection agencies and workforce training and curriculum development agencies. It is a subsidiary of the International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention that develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

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