



### Code Update Newsletter

The Public Works and Engineering Department  
Planning and Development Services Division

"Providing information pertaining to the Codes and how they affect you"

## BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

*This newsletter highlights several upcoming or recent changes and that may affect Building Inspection and Permitting customers.*

### Relocation of Kiosks at the Houston Permitting Center

For your convenience, all kiosks on the first floor lobby will be relocated on May 6, 2013 to the north end (near the elevators) of the Houston Permitting Center building where the computers are currently located.

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### Construction around the Houston Permitting Center

CenterPoint Energy will begin construction of a floodwall at the Franklin Street Substation on Monday, May 6, 2013. Construction is scheduled to continue through September 30, 2013. Please expect traffic delays around the Houston Permitting Center for the duration of the project.

A map with the scheduled lane closures is available at  
<http://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/news-and-events/blog.html>.

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### Changes to the 2011 National Electrical Code Houston Amendments

Recently, the Houston City Council voted to amend the currently adopted electrical code ordinance to allow for NM Cable in certain commercial structures as allowed by the National Electrical Code. To view a copy of the revised ordinance please visit:

[http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/document-center/doc\\_details/3193-2011-nec-houston-amendments.html](http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/document-center/doc_details/3193-2011-nec-houston-amendments.html)

For more information on these requirements please call Electrical Inspections at 832-394-8860.

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### Recently Published Building Official Interpretations (Code Words)

The following interpretations have recently been published by the Building Official. For more information on these interpretations please email [Sheila.Blake@Houstontx.gov](mailto:Sheila.Blake@Houstontx.gov) or [Lisa.Brown@houstontx.gov](mailto:Lisa.Brown@houstontx.gov).

- [CW 2006-54 Sprinkler Finals on Core/Shell Permits](#)
- [CW 2006-55 Community Grease Interceptor Requirements](#)

- [CW 2006-56 Elevator Lobby in Open Parking Garages](#)
- [CW 2006-57 Clarification – Elevator Signage](#)
- [CW 2006-58 Clarification – Certificates of Occupancy Posting](#)
- [CW 2006-59 Clarification – Number of Exits from a Space for “E” Daycare Occupancies](#)
- [CW 2006-60 Exits on Fire Walls of Buildings](#)

To view a copy of the approved Code Words in their entirety and other code related documents please visit our page at <http://www.houstonpermittingcenter.org/code-enforcement/publications.html>

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#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

##### **PLAN REVIEW**

Commercial- (832) 394-8810  
One-Stop - (832) 394-8820 (*Commercial Remodels and Residential*)

##### **INSPECTIONS**

Building – (832) 394-8840  
Mechanical – (832) 394-8850  
Electrical – (832) 394-8860  
Plumbing – (832) 394-8870  
Occupancy/Life Safety - (832) 394-8880  
Sign Administration - (832) 394-8890

##### **PERMIT OFFICE**

General – (832) 394-8899  
Dacoma Office – (713) 686-6224  
Kingwood Office – (281) 361-9580  
Utility Releases - (832) 394-8847

##### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Customer Assistance & Code Development Office- (832) 394-9494  
Automated Inspection Request Line - (713) 222-9922  
Other City Departments- Dial 311

##### **For Additional Permit Information:**

You may obtain information about permits by visiting our website at [www.houstonpermits.com](http://www.houstonpermits.com). You will then be linked to our database of sold permits. If you have questions about any of these permits, please contact our Code Enforcement Group at (832) 394-9494.

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