

At This Month's Meeting...

The rental inspectors will continue their presentation about what to expect during a routine inspection.

There will also be a presentation from the Brooklyn Bridge Alliance about the programs they offer for the youth of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park.

2015 A.R.M. Meeting Information

2015 Meeting Dates

March 12

May 14

July 9

September 10

November 12

Where: Brooklyn Center
City Hall—Council
Chambers

When: Second Thursday
every other month starting
in January

Time: 10-11 a.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

Know The Code—2015 State Building Code Changes

Starting on January 24, 2015, Minnesota implemented the 2015 State Building Codes for residential, commercial, mechanical and fuel gas, plumbing, electrical, energy, accessibility, and conservation. Since going into effect, the new code has many people unsure of how the changes will affect them. The changes not only affect new construction, but also existing properties that are being rehabbed.

Depending on the scope of work some of the code changes will affect rental properties doing

remodeling or repair work. Some of the changes are laid out in this article to help give owners and managers guidance.

A small yet important change that will affect anyone applying for a building permit is as follows:

- Permits are required to specify the name and address of the applicant, and the general contractor. This change will also

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Property Fees

Not Paying Could Cost You Your Rental License

One of the most asked questions by new property managers is what to expect during a rental inspection. Owners and managers understand that rental inspections have a direct impact on a property's license type. However, many rental property owners don't realize City utility bills and property taxes must be paid before a rental license is issued.

Rental licenses of any type will not be issued until a rental inspection verifies all code, life and health safety violations are corrected and all City utility bills and property

taxes are current. A rental licenses can also be revoked if the City utility bills or property taxes become delinquent.

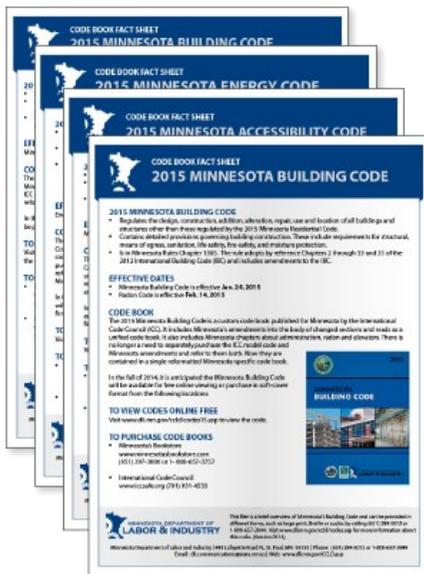
Many rental properties require tenants pay the utility bills, however it is still the property owners responsibility to verify utilities and taxes have been paid, and pay them if needed.

As property tax statements begin to arrive, remember—if you don't pay, you could loose your rental license.

Know The Code continued...

require building permits to be posted or displayed in a window, glass door, or other visible area at the premises or site of construction.

- Wireless smoke alarms are allowed as long as it is listed and approved, instead of hardwired interconnected alarms.



- Carbon monoxide alarms are required in dwelling units that have attached garages and when fuel-fired appliances are installed. They shall be installed outside of and not more than 10 feet from each separate sleeping area or bedroom and on each level containing sleeping areas or bedrooms.

Inspectors will be checking for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms anytime they are inside a property for any building inspection.

A change that could be beneficial for rental properties is as follows:

- Fence heights have been changed from 6 feet to 7 feet before a permit is required. A

site plan will still be required to check for proper setbacks before building any fences.

- Accessory structures changed from 120 sq. ft. to 200 sq. ft. before a building permit is required.

The code change information provided does not contain all the code changes. The entire 2015 State Building Code can be found on the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry website, www.dli.mn.gov. If you have specific questions about building permits and requirements you can contact the Building and Community Standards Department at (763) 569-3330.

**New Neighbor Welcome Bags
City Information for New Tenants**

The Brooklyn Center Housing Commission wants to give a warm welcome to all new residents. As part of their efforts to welcome and inform new residents they created "Welcome Bags". These bags provide information about the City and surrounding areas, and provide Commissioners the opportunity to say hello.

The Housing Commission wants to extend their welcome not only to home owners, but renters as well. If you have a new tenant, especially if they are new to Brooklyn Center, you can request Welcome Bags for your property. To request Welcome Bags you can contact Housing Commission Staff Liaison Jesse Anderson at (763) 569-3330.

