

# Frequently Asked QUESTIONS

**How do I know what type of inspection I need?**

Within this brochure there is a list of most common inspections. You may also contact the City of McAllen Building Permits & Inspections office for additional information.

**Does someone have to be at the job site during the inspection?**

Yes, someone needs to be onsite during the building inspection. The inspector will not access the residential or commercial property if no one is on site.

**How much is a Reinspection Fee?**

A Reinspection fee is \$48.00 and is due prior to the next scheduled Inspection.

**How will I be notified of my inspection results?**

A failed inspection will receive a red tag and a passed inspection will receive a green tag. The building inspector will also input the inspection results into the City of McAllen permitting software, Accela Automation which will generate an email to the Applicant in real time.

**Does the City of McAllen conduct after hour or weekend inspection?**

Yes, after hours or weekend inspection may be coordinated with approval of the Building Official, contact the Building Permits & Inspections office at (956) 681-1300.

## 24/7 Request Line

**956-681-1328**

**The schedule to request inspections is as follows:**

A.M. (morning) Inspections need to be requested between 12:00 p.m. the previous day and 6:59 a.m. the same morning.

P.M. (afternoon) Inspections need to be requested between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. the same day.

Re-inspection fees must be paid before requesting a re-inspection. Each department which has failed an inspection will require a inspection fee of \$48.00 to be paid.

The following is a brief summary of inspections conducted by the Inspection Department reference most common inspections listed below:

- Roughin Plumbing Inspection
- Foundation Inspection
- Framing Inspection: electrical, mechanical & Plumbing
- Insulation Inspection
- Infiltration Inspection
- Final Inspection



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**Informational Guide**

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## Types of inspections conducted by the McAllen Building Permits & Inspections Department:

### ROUGH-IN PLUMBING

- Sanitary Facilities
- Set Backs (String Lines)
- Proper Flow
- 10' Head of Water
- Identify Job Site
- Approved Material
- Kitchen Island Vent

### FOUNDATION INSPECTION

- Approved Material
- Trench Depth/Width
- Forms
- Brick Ledge
- Top & Bottom Corner Bars
- 10" Anchor Bolts
- Wire Mesh
- Re-bar Size
- Vapor Barrier
- Dowels

### FRAMING INSPECTION

#### Framing:

- Grade Marking
- Corner Bracing
- Roof Bracing
- Beam Supports
- Splicing
- Anchor Bolts
- Window Height
- Window Size
- Hangers
- Spans
- Stairway
- Notching

#### Plumbing:

- Vent Size
- Wet Vent
- W/H Pan
- Waterline Size
- 2nd Floor R-Plbg-Notching
- Pressure/Waterlines
- T/P Valve

### CONTINUED FRAMING INSPECTION

#### Electrical:

- Panel Location
- Notching
- G.F.I. Circuits
- AFCI
- Outlet Spacing
- Smoke Detectors

#### Mechanical:

- Clearance
- Attic Access
- Drain Location
- Disconnect
- Light
- Auxiliary Pan
- Catwalk
- Working Platform

#### Fire Rating:

- Soffit
- Between Floors
- Behind Tub
- Behind Furred Down
- Behind Cabinet-

#### Gas:

- Vent Clearance
- Combustion Air
- Cut-Off
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm
- Gas Test

#### Energy Codes:

- Air Leakage
- Minimum S.H.G.C. Glazing
- Seal all penetrations in envelope

#### Insulation Inspection:

- Check for R-Values on insulation materials

#### Infiltration Inspection:

- Seal all outlet boxes in envelope

### FINAL INSPECTION

#### Building:

- Railing
- Door Locks
- Solid Hood Vent
- Door to garage fire rating & self closures

### CONTINUED FINAL INSPECTION

#### Plumbing:

- Vent Thru Roof
- P-Traps
- Sewer Tap
- Water Certificate
- T&P Valve Drain (90°)
- Cut-Offs
- Backflow Prevention
- Vent Clearance to Window

#### Mechanical:

- Cond. Drain
- Platform
- Disconnect

#### Electrical:

- Grounded Conductor
- Ground Rod
- Smoke/CO Detectors
- Label Panel Box
- Arc Fault Circuit
- Tamper Proof
- Receptacles
- Service Height
- Feeder Size
- G.F.I. Locations
- Circuits
- Interrupters
- Weather Proof
- Receptacles

