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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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Re: Removal of Yellow or Red Earthquake Placards

Good Afternoon Mr. Mirka:

This letter is to confirm the verbal response we provided today to the question as to when a homeowner may remove a yellow or red placard for earthquake-related damages. When a placard is placed on a building, the homeowner should consult with a contractor and/or engineer to develop a scope of work. Based upon that scope of work, a permit may be requested from the Development Services Department. Once the permit is issued, the placard should be taken down and the permit put in its place. As part of the process in issuing the permit, our technician will code in our system that the red/yellow placard has been resolved. In cases where the engineer determines that no work is necessary, the placard may be removed and we will change the code in our system to reflect the condition has been resolved upon receipt of the engineer's report.

Outside the BSSA the homeowner would still follow the same guidelines with the exception of permit issuance. If repair is necessary, the repair may be completed by the owner or a licensed contractor. Inspection may be done by the Engineer of Record, a third party certified inspector approved to perform inspections for new construction or opt to have Municipal inspection pursuant to our code abatement authority with fees pursuant to 23.10 Table 3M #7.

For questions on this letter, please contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert A. K. Doehl  
Director, Development Service Department  
And Building Official