

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT



343-8301
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HANDOUT AG.24 Information about Field Inspections

Building Safety provides inspections to meet a number of different circumstances. This letter provides general information concerning scheduling, the hours inspections are available, associated fees, and inspection priorities.

Routine field inspections start at 8:00 AM and are completed by 4:00 PM. Inspections may be requested for either AM or PM, with an exception provided for concrete pours and electrical service inspections of occupied structures; these inspections may request a specific time. The cutoff time to request a routine inspection is 6:00 AM on the day of the inspection.

Customers may request a call before the inspector goes to the job site. If the contact person does not respond when called the inspector will proceed with the inspection unless noted on the inspection request not to proceed without contact. When the inspector goes to the job site inspection fees apply, even if the inspector is unable to gain access to perform the inspection.

A request for a same day unscheduled inspection (requested after the 6:00 AM cut-off time) may be arranged by contacting the permit counter at 343-8301. An unscheduled inspection is allowed to request a specific time but must be completed no later than 4:00 PM. The fee for each unscheduled inspection or re-inspection, per hour, one-hour minimum is \$265.00. Unscheduled inspections shall not count as one of the pre-purchased inspections or allotted residential inspections.

Non-emergency after-hours inspections may be arranged by contacting the permit counter at 343-8301 no later than 2:00 PM of the day requested. Inspection fees must be prepaid. The fee, per inspector, for after-hours inspection performed between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM or between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM is \$350.00 per hour. After-hours inspections performed on Sundays and holidays are \$400.00 per hour. After hours inspections shall not count against pre-purchased inspections or allotted residential inspections.

Emergency electrical inspections for occupied structures without power are available 24/7 and may be requested after normal business hours by calling 440-0047 for emergency service.

	Start Time	End Time	Fee
Routine inspections during normal hours of operation that were received before 6:00 AM of the day requested	8:00 AM	4:00 PM	Included in permit
Unscheduled Inspection for same day *See "request for same day unscheduled inspection" above	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	\$265 with 1 hour minimum; Unscheduled inspections shall not count as one of the pre-purchased inspections or allotted residential inspections

After-hours inspections, except Sundays and Holidays	
Weekdays before 7:00 A.M. and after 5:00 P.M.	\$350.00 per hour
Saturdays	\$350.00 per hour
After Hours Sundays or Holidays	\$400.00 per hour

Inspection Priorities:

Although Building Safety completes almost all inspections on the same day that they are requested there are some days when inspectors are in training, shorthanded due to absences or have extremely heavy workload. When these situations occur inspections may be prioritized as follows:

Structural:

Concrete/masonry pours- commercial and residential
 Scheduled prelim/SI/meetings
 Left over inspections- commercial and residential
 Commercial/Residential
 Reroofs

Plumbing/Mechanical:

Gas piping (for heat)
 Retros (scheduled)
 Left over inspections- commercial and residential
 Commercial/Residential
 Retros
 Trade alteration permit

Electrical:

Electrical service repairs/ replacements of occupied structures
 Retros(scheduled)
 Left over inspections- commercial and residential
 Commercial/Residential
 Retros
 Trade alteration permit



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