

# Planning & Development Services

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## Inner City Reinvestment/Infill Policy

In order to have a project evaluated for fee waivers and other consideration under the new Inner City Reinvestment Infill Policy (ICRIP) you must first apply with the Center City Development Office (CCDO). Below is the current process:

**Step 1:** Developer submits an application requesting fee waivers directly to Barbara Ankamah via email at [bara.ankamah@sanantonio.gov](mailto:bara.ankamah@sanantonio.gov). Barbara will provide the application after the initial contact.

**Step 2:** CCDO staff will process the application and determine project eligibility for fee waivers. **NOTE: Not all fees are waived.** For a list of Planning and Development Services fees that qualify for waiver please see our website: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/pdf/InterCityReinvestmentFeeWaivers.pdf>.

**Step 3:** After project has been verified for fee waivers, an email will be sent to departments stating the project qualifies for fee waivers

**Step 4:** CCDO fee waiver verification letter is issued to the developer

**Step 5:** Developer needs to present the verification letter to applicable City departments each time a request for fee waiver is made.

**Projects must be initiated within six months of receipt of an approved application and verification letter from CCDO**

Please direct questions to Barbara Ankamah at 207-8162 or [barbara.ankamah@sanantonio.gov](mailto:barbara.ankamah@sanantonio.gov)

## SABCA

### 2009 IFC & IBC Hazardous Materials Provisions

When Disaster Strikes - An Institute for Disaster Response



Mitigating disaster is a goal of each community and as part of our focus on mitigating disaster, we will feature two courses designed specifically to address disaster response and the provisions of the 2009 International Fire and Building Codes concerning hazardous materials. These sessions will be presented by fully accredited ICC instructors and experts in their industries. The course schedule will be:

June 7, 2010	2009 IFC & IBC Hazardous Materials Provisions
June 8, 2010	When Disaster Strikes -- Day 1
June 9, 2010	When Disaster Strikes -- Day 2
June 10, 2010	2009 IFC & IBC Hazardous Materials Provisions

Mr. Scott Stookey will present the 2009 IFC & IBC Hazardous Material Provisions seminar. This course addresses requirements for buildings with hazardous materials and requiring coordination between fire and building codes. This course is worth six hours of continuing education credit. The registration fee is \$150 and includes a workbook that retails for \$35.

Mr. Tim Ryan will present the When Disaster Strikes seminar. This course will provide participants with the skills, knowledge and tools to help them become Disaster Response Inspectors and teach them the ICC Disaster Response Process. The registration fee is \$225. The course is worth twelve hours of continuing education credit and begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 both days.

Seminar check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. each day. Refreshments will be served during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks. The deadline for a guaranteed reservation is May 28, 2010. We will accept seminar registrations up to the day of each event on a space-available basis, however we cannot guarantee a workbook will be available.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE NEW SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY\*\***

Book and catering guarantees are due by 4:00 on Friday, May 28, 2010. Anyone requesting a cancellation prior to 4:00 pm, Friday, May 28, 2010 will receive a full refund of their registration fees. Anyone requesting a cancellation after 4:00 pm on Friday, May 28, 2010 will not receive a refund on any portion of their registration.

For more information please visit the website: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/sabca.asp>



## New Information Bulletins/Code Interpretations

The department recently posted Information Bulletins/Code Interpretations to its website [www.sanantonio.gov/dsd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd):

**IB 526—Standard Plat Note Layout** — the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to standardize the format of notes placed on plats. The IB is intended to increase efficiency, consistency and reduce review time. The IB provides templates for developing plat documents.

**IB 173—Refrigerant Locking Caps** — the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to clarify the provisions of the International Mechanical Code and International Residential Code, particularly the requirement for exterior refrigerant circuit access ports be fitted with locking tamper-proof caps. The IB includes the appropriate section from the applicable codes, including reasoning behind the new requirements.

**CI 2010-007—Fire Department Communication Systems** — the purpose of this Code Interpretation is to clarify the requirement for firefighter two-way communication systems in high rise structures.

**CI 2010-008—Fire Extinguisher Requirements for R-2 occupancies** — the purpose of this Code Interpretation is to clarify the requirements for fire extinguishers in R-2 occupancies.

## Upcoming City Council Agendas

Upcoming City Council Meetings

May 6 - Tree Canopy and Preservation Amendment



## Building Safety Week



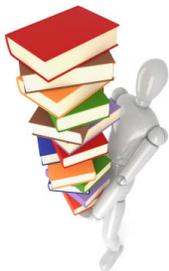
Planning and Development Services will be hosting its annual building safety week festivities May 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup>. The department will have inspectors from the various trades available to answer questions and provide guidance free of charge. The event will feature fire extinguisher training. In addition, the department will provide brochures and materials on such topics as building technology, building codes, green building, and safety. There will also be a packet for kids, filled with games and coloring exercises to make learning safety fun! Come by during our normal business hours and visit the display table that will be in the lobby. Hope to see you there!

## Staff Certification

Congratulations to Robert Gobert for his certification achievement as an ICC Fire Inspector II!



## Lunch & Learn



Planning and Development Services offers Lunch and Learn training sessions taught by experts in their respective fields. Our Lunch and Learn sessions are free and you now need a reservation to attend. Each session begins at 11:00 AM and lasts about an hour and a half. Please bring your lunch and join us!

May 21st: Lunch and Learn: Historic Preservation

Our monthly Lunch and Learn schedule as well as registration for the events can be found on our website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/lunchlearn.asp>. Please email Jim Flood at [james.flood@sanantonio.gov](mailto:james.flood@sanantonio.gov) if you have a topic for future Lunch & Learn programs.



## GIS Application

The Planning and Development Services Department would like to thank all our customers who have taken the time to send suggestions on how the Zoning Map Web page could do a better job of communicating information. Our goal is to serve accurate, clear and fast information to our customers.

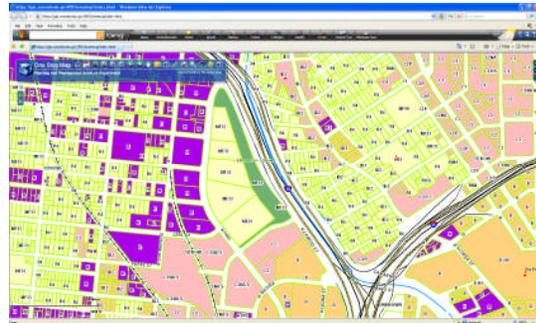
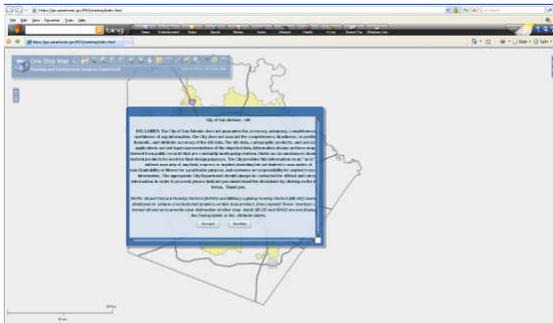
The City Of San Antonio recently released the New version of the Interactive Zoning Web Site. This Web Application is expected to be upgraded four times per year with additional data and tools. The upgrades are the result of suggestions from the users. Some of Version 1 improvements are listed below:

- *Flex Programming* has modified the Interactive Zoning Web Application - This will result in faster performance and quicker programming modifications,
- *Picture Icons* - Designed into the Zoning Web Application to give users the look and feel of Google Map "Picture" tool buttons.
- *Layer Folder* - Adds the ability to compare layer information against other layers. Turning them off and on as desired.
- *Mail Box* - Locates information by address or as a new tool feature, by Latitude - Longitude coordinates.
- *Identify Button* - Shows information on parcels, jurisdiction, and zoning of location with the click of the button
- *Proximity Tool* - Permits the user to discover which features are within a distance of a point. (Is St. Mary's University within 1 mile of a selected point etc.)
- *Search Tool* - Can select parcels with a single point or multiple parcels with lines or shapes.
- *Parcel Notification Tool* - Can make a list of parcels within a distance you designate.
- *Help Tool* - Contains information on all the tools, Zoning Categories, and contact information to suggest what you would like to see in the next version.

Together we can make improvements to help you find the information you need and we look forward to receiving your suggestions.

The URL for the one stop site is: <https://gis.sanantonio.gov/PDS/onestop/index.html>

Here are some screen shots of the mapping application:



## New EPA Rule



Beginning this month, April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

The EPA issued a [rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices](#) on April 22, 2008 that is aimed at preventing lead poisoning from risks including common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition which can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint that can be harmful to adults and children.

After April 22, 2010, federal law will require you to be certified and to use lead-safe work practices. To become certified, renovation contractors must submit an application and fee payment to EPA. Contractors will need to take training with a provider that has been accredited by EPA to provide training for renovators under EPA's Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Program. If

you previously completed an eligible renovation training course you may take the 4-hour refresher course instead of the 8-hour initial course from an accredited training provider to become a certified renovator.

Information for contractors can be found on the following link:

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm#contractors>

Visit the [U.S. Environment Protection Agency](#) website for more information.



## FY 2010 Performance Measures

### March Performance Data:

#### Activity

Major Plats Technical Review (Goal: 35 Calendar Days)

Residential Plans Review (Goal: 3 Working Days)

Complex Commercial Plan Review (Goal: 18 Calendar Days)

Inspections Performed as Scheduled (Goal: 95%)

Call Center Telephone Abandonment Rate (Goal: 5%)

Customer Service Survey Score (Scale 1-5 points—5 the highest)

#### Performance

14 Calendar Days (PDSD only)

4 Working Days

16 Calendar Days

96% as Scheduled

3% Abandoned

4.65

## Promotions

Planning and Development Services Department is pleased to announce the following promotions:



Christopher J. Looney  
Interim Assistant Director,  
Land Development



Jesse Vasquez  
Chief Mechanical Inspector



David Rhode  
Chief Plumbing Inspector

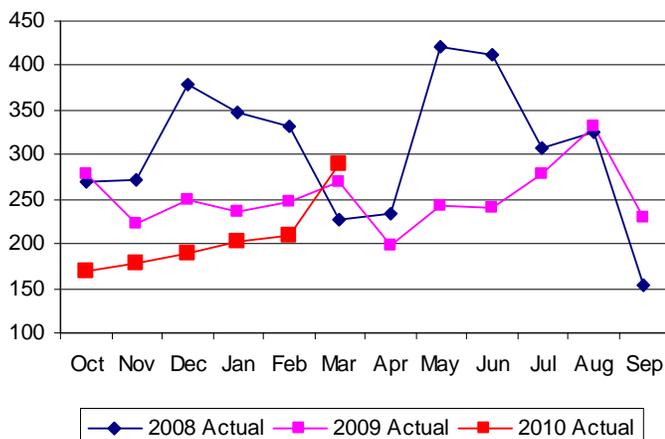
## Holiday Closure

The office will be closed on Friday, April 23rd for Fiesta San Jacinto Day. Our office will be open normal hours on both Thursday April 22nd and Monday April 26th. If you plan on spending any time at Fiesta that day, here is a list of events for that day as well as all events for Fiesta 2010: <http://www.fiesta-sa.org/events/date/>.



## Monthly Permit Summary

NEW & EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS



NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS

