

Planning & Development Services

SABCA

The San Antonio Building Codes Academy will host the following seminars:

- 2009 International Energy Conservation Code
- 2008 National Electrical Code - Electrical Service Requirements
- Photovoltaic Systems and the 2005/2008 National Electrical Code

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The City of San Antonio has adopted the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code effective January 1, 2010. As part of our focus on energy conservation and the goals of the Mission Verde Sustainability Plan, we will feature three separate courses concerning the use of the energy code, photovoltaic systems and design, and the installation and inspection of electrical services. These sessions will be presented by fully accredited instructors and experts in their respective industries. The course schedule will be:

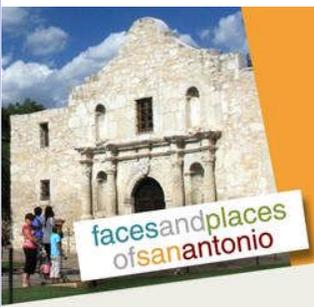
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| Feb 2, 2010 | 2009 International Energy Conservation Code Fundamentals |
| Feb 3, 2010 | Photovoltaic Systems and the 2005/2008 National Electrical Code |
| Feb 4, 2010 | 2009 International Energy Conservation Code Fundamentals |
| Feb 5, 2010 | 2008 National Electrical Code--Electrical Service Requirements |

Mr. Donald J. Sivigny, ICC Instructor, will present the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. This course will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. and is worth six (6) hours of continuing education credit. The registration fee is \$160 and includes a workbook that retails for \$35.

Mr. John Wiles, PV Industry Expert and Instructor, will present the Photovoltaic Systems and the 2008 National Electrical Code. The registration fee is \$80. This course is worth seven (7) hours of continuing education credit and begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00.

Mr. Jonathan Cadd, IAEL Instructor, will present the 2008 National Electrical Code Electrical Services Requirements. This course is worth four (4) hours of continuing education credit and will be held twice. The morning session will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. and the afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$65.

Faces and Places of San Antonio



The City's 2009 Annual Report entitled, **"Faces and Places of San Antonio"** is available online through the City's website at www.sanantonio.gov/annualreport.

This is the first year, the Annual Report has been designed in a new interactive website format. The Annual Report highlights key initiatives the City undertook during the 2009 fiscal year. The Report focuses on significant service enhancements accomplished to address top City Council priorities such as streets and infrastructure, public safety, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and environmental sustainability efforts. The Annual Report website also includes links to information on our city's history and heritage and special features on the River Museum Reach and Haven for Hope projects. There is also a special focus on 2009 photos taken by the City's photographer, Fred Gonzales and accompanied by music composed by Adam Zuniga, Television Director. Both Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Zuniga are City employees in the Department of Communications and Public Affairs.

In addition, the Report celebrates our successes during Fiscal Year 2009. These achievements are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of each City employee. The Annual Report demonstrates City employee continued efforts to meet the needs of local residents and making San Antonio one of the best cities in the nation.



UDC Updates

UDC Supplement Released

Supplement No. 8 of the Unified Development Code has been released which includes amendments to the UDC adopted through August 20, 2009. Specifically this supplement includes rough proportionality, the habitat compliance form, the live entertainment ordinance and the remaining items from the 2008 Biennial Update Program. If you do not have a subscription from the Municipal Code Corporation for the UDC update you may view the updated Code on their website at: <http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=14228&sid=43>

Digital On-Premises Sign Committee

The Department has created a citizens committee to help inform staff about the preparation of amendments to the on-premises sign ordinance to address digital/LED displays. The first committee meeting, held on January 4th, included a discussion of the charge of the committee and the issue of sign brightness. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 3pm in Training Room A. For more information, contact Andrew Spurgin at andrew.spurgin@sanantonio.gov

New Information Bulletins

The department recently posted new Information Bulletins/Code Interpretations to its website at www.sanantonio.gov/dsd:

IB 170—Swimming Pool Permits — the purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to clarify the process for and explain minimum requirements for obtaining swimming pool permits. The IB covers both Residential and Commercial swimming pool applications.

New GIS Website

The Planning and Development Services new mapping website is scheduled to go live at the end of February. The Department's goal is to maintain the functionality and data of the previous site while adding enhancements both now and in future development. Here is a comparison of features between the old site and new site:

Old Site	New Site
Security Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none">Multiple Entry points to City Network	Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">Implemented Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
Inadequate Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none">Single server, 10,000 hits per day	Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 data centers and 8 serversLoad balancing and near 100% 24/7 availability
Legacy Software Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none">ArcIMS entering end phase of product life	Legacy Software Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none">Implemented ArcGIS to replace ArcIMS
Timeliness of Data Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Manual updates requiring two departmentsTurnaround time \geq 1 week	Timeliness of Data Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Data edited and stored in enterprise databaseCommitted updates within 24 hours without staff intervention

The Department would also like to extend our thanks to the committee members who participated and made this possible:

- James B. Griffin, Brown and Ortiz
- Diane Hoskins, Bexar PEPP
- Brian E. Hanan, Hanan Development Co.
- Rell Fowler, Pape-Dawson
- Nick Holscher, Kimley Horn
- Charlie Hickman, Coyle Engineering
- Russell Yeager, Coyle Engineering
- Chris Otto, Bury and Partners
- Steven Eklund, Bury and Partners

Interactive Development Process Manual

The department recently posted a new interactive development process manual to its website at www.sanantonio.gov/dsd. The guide helps with development, construction and finally occupation of a structure. The goal is to provide a resource that facilitates efficient and proper development. It allows the user to access general information as well as tips for expediting each critical step in the process. In addition, it provides contact information for key staff in our department, current fee schedules and links to City, State and Federal agencies as well as current code information. The manual was developed as part of a collaborative effort from several City departments, City Public Service, San Antonio Water System, and Bexar County Infrastructure Services.





FY 2010 Performance Measures

December 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

16 Calendar Days (PDSD only)
1 Working Day
11 Calendar Days
98% as Scheduled
2% Abandoned
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Staff Certification

Congratulations to the following staff members for certification achievement:

- Suanne Callow, ICC Fire Plans Examiner
- James Clark, ICC Residential Plumbing Inspector
- Sylvia Cortez, ICC Certified Building Official (Management & Legal)
- Terry Kannawin, ICC Residential Mechanical Inspector
- Juan Gonzales, ICC Residential Building Inspector
- Robert Gobert, ICC Fire Plans Examiner
- James Clark, ICC Residential Building Inspector



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!

February 19th - TCEQ presentation on environmental rules and practices
March 19th - 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 if you would like to suggest a topic for future Lunch & Learn programs.

Monthly Permit Summary

