

# Planning & Development Services

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## SABCA Training

SABCA Training – We Want To Hear From You

The department is planning the next San Antonio Building Codes Academy training event and is seeking your input of the courses you would like us to offer. To this end, we developed an on-line survey to obtain your feedback. This survey is located at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8CNFRFG>. You can also find the survey off of the SABCA page on the department's website. Thank you for sharing your input with us!



## On-Premise Digital Sign Ordinance



On June 24, 2010 City Council amended Chapter 28 of the City Code by establishing provisions for on-premises digital signs within the City and the extraterritorial jurisdiction. The ordinance establishes limits on sign brightness as well as compatibility standards and spacing requirements. This includes traditional EMC signs as well as LED or LCD type displays. To implement this ordinance the City Council approved a \$15 surcharge fee on new digital on-premise sign permits. The purpose of the fee is to assist staff with the capital cost of foot-candle readers, equipment warranties, certificates of calibration and a five-year replacement plan as well as staff training and programming costs to flag digital signs for special review. Existing digital signs shall have one-year to comply with the provisions of the new ordinance.

For additional information, go to <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/digitalsigns.asp?res=1024&ver=true>

## Stormwater Pollution Prevention Conference

August 1 – 5, 2010 JW Marriott San Antonio

You are invited to join thousands of professionals responsible for stormwater management, including municipal and tribal managers, state and federal regulators, engineers, consultants, highway and heavy-construction contractors, developers, compliance professionals, design professionals, researchers, nonprofit professionals, and officials at special sites, such as ports, airports, and military bases.

Stormwater management is a fast-changing discipline and StormCon is the only professional conference and exposition where you can learn about the latest stormwater program management innovations, BMPs performance case studies, research, technology, and services. StormCon is the discipline's international networking, education, and training center. StormCon also features the largest exhibition of stormwater equipment and technologies in one place.



For more information on registration, fees and schedule go to: <http://www.stormcon.com/>



## FY 2011 Budget Revenue Adjustments

The Department is developing its budget for FY 2011 and is proposing the following revenue adjustments:

Revenue Adjustments	Current Rate	New Rate
Reduce minimum fee for after-hour inspections	\$100/hour with 2 hour minimum	\$100/hour with 1 hour minimum
Reduce fee for event notification	\$20/Commercial Permit; \$10/Residential Permit	\$1/Permit
Restructure Document Management Fee	Cost, plus 10% Admin Fee	Walk Through Plans - \$10; School District Interior Finishout - \$10; Retaining Walls - \$10; Demolition - \$10; 10 Day Plans - \$25; Site Plans - \$30; 20 Day Plans - \$50; 35 Day Plans - \$150/Roll; School District Plans - \$150/Roll
Establish minimum value for swimming pool permits	N/A	\$30,000 minimum value
Increase Permit Refund Fee	\$25/permit	\$50/permit
Establish minimum inspection fee for Sidewalks and Curb Permits	N/A	\$50
Establish Building/Suite Assignment Fee	N/A	\$100/Building \$20/Suite
Establish fee to link parent-child permits in Hansen	N/A	\$5/Permit - Residential \$10/Permit - Commercial
Establish San Antonio Building Codes Academy Refund Fee	N/A	\$50/if cancelled within one week of event
Establish Neighborhood, Community, and Perimeter Plan Amendment Refund Fee	N/A	\$100
Establish fee to issue Building Permit Ready/Status Letters Fee	N/A	\$50

For more information on the City's budget process, go to:

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/budget/documents/FY%202011/FY2011%20Budget%20Calendar.pdf>.

## IAS Certification

As you may remember from the December 2009 newsletter, the department is seeking accreditation from the International Accreditation Service (IAS), a subsidiary of ICC. Part of the full IAS evaluation involves receiving feedback on improvements we need to make in order to be certified by IAS. In June, IAS looked at 111 items to determine compliance with the criteria for Building Departments/Code Enforcement agencies. They found a few "Concerns" and four "Corrective Action Required" (CAR's). As a result, the department is:

- Creating a centralized database to track staff's certifications and continuing education to help staff maintain their certifications.
- Enhancing our quality control program for Plan Review, Inspections, Permitting, and the Call Center. This new program will help us identify opportunities for training and ideas for making continuous improvement.
- Creating new inspector checklists and developing an SOP/IB with respect to having a centralized location at residential construction sites for inspectors to leave their inspection tags.
- Creating a new details tab in Hansen to track failed inspections for large projects to ensure compliance with code violations.
- Creating a Permit Issuance Handbook and improving communications with the Link Centers.
- Studying inspector connectivity and other computer problems.



We are confident that with the completion of our corrective action plan we will reach the goal of becoming IAS Certified, and we will be the largest municipality in the country to do so. This certification will serve as our dedication and commitment to be one of the best Development Services department in the country.



## City Council Action

**Renaming of a section of Bitters Road**—On June 24, 2010, City Council approved the renaming of Bitters Road to MacArthur View, between Nacogdoches and Wetmore. The name change request was submitted in order to minimize public confusion in locating the MacArthur High School facility and to commemorate the legacy of General Douglas MacArthur for whom the school is named.

**Release of Land to the City of Cibolo**—On June 3, 2010, City Council approved the release of approximately 5.9 square miles of the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to the City of Cibolo. Annexation was not a viable option for the City based on the location and difficulty of providing Municipal services. The City of Cibolo plans to move forward with pursuing annexation and providing the aforementioned services.



## 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 178—Color Coding and Pipe Labeling for on premise water system applications**—the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to clarify the 2009 International Plumbing Code (IPC) regarding pipe coloring and labeling. The IB references local code amendments associated with each label and color.

**IB 179—Residential Water Service Sizing Guide**— the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to assist contractors with size guidelines for residential applications. The IB includes an example calculation for determining proper service size.

**IB 180—Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Irrigation Permit Process**—the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to serve as a reference guide for contractors obtaining irrigation permits in the ETJ. The IB includes requirements and the basic process for obtaining a permit.

**IB 182—Plumbing Inspection Preparation/Readiness**— the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to assist contractors in scheduling applicable plumbing inspections. The IB explains the criteria for basic plumbing, sewer and gas inspections.

**IB 183—Landscape Irrigation System Requirements**— the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to assist irrigation contractors with system installations inside the ETJ. The IB lists the requirements and suggestions to make the process more efficient.

**IB 184—Non-water Urinal Installation Requirements**— the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide information about the installation and permit requirements for non-water urinals.

**IB 185—Smoke Control System Submittal Requirements**— the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to describe requirements for smoke control systems in accordance with Sec. 909 of the International Building Code (IBC).

**CI2010-009—Delayed Egress/Special Locking Requirements for Group I-2**— the purpose of this Code Interpretation (CI) is to clarify requirements of clinical needs that require modifications for patient safety.

**CI2010-010—Definition of Habitable Attic**— the purpose of this Code Interpretation (CI) is to clarify the requirements for a Habitable Attic according to Chapter 2 of the International Building Code (IBC).

**CI2010-011—High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) Fans in Sprinklered Buildings**— the purpose of this Code Interpretation (CI) is to clarify any conditions where HVLS fans are permitted in fire-sprinklered areas of structures.

**CI2010-012—Alternative to Energy Star Certified Roof**— the purpose of this Code Interpretation (CI) is to clarify use of non Energy Star certified roofing on new construction and under what conditions it can be used.

**CI2010-013—Security Grilles in Group E occupancies**— the purpose of this Code Interpretation (CI) is to clarify the requirements for use of security grilles in Group E occupancies in accordance with Sec. 1008.1.4.4 of the International Building Code (IBC).

## Eastside Guided Running Tour—July 24th

The Office of Historic Preservation and City Council District 2 Office are pleased to present the Eastside Guided 5K Running Tour in honor of Hays Street Bridge re-opening. The run will take place on Saturday, July 24th at 7:30 am at the Carver Community Cultural Center at 226 N. Hackberry. The approximate 3 mile run will include stops at historic points of interest such as Dignowity Hill Historic District, Hays Street Bridge, Ellis Alley, and Sunset Station. The guided run is FREE and open to the public. A completed registration form is required for participation. There will be same-day registration available.



For more information please contact Anna Glover at 207-7925.



## FY 2010 Performance Measures

### June Performance Data:

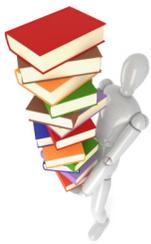
#### Activity

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)  
5 Working Days  
16 Calendar Days  
94% as Scheduled  
3% Abandoned  
4.72

## 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, and registration begins July 26th. There are some special sessions coming up that are outside the normal time of our Lunch and Learns, but will be beneficial and informative.

Aug 13th, 2:00 - 4:00PM: Tree Preservation Ordinance

Aug 27th, 9:00 - 11:00AM: Tree Preservation Ordinance

**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.**

## FEMA ICS 100 Certifications

ICS 100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The following people completed their course and certification:

- Alberto Montes
- John Valadez
- Ariel Barrera
- Jesus Castillo
- Roland Resendez
- Frank Mance
- Xavier Limas
- Rudy Nino
- Andrew Espinoza
- Edward Perez
- Ray Herrera
- Andres Benavides
- Roger Rodriguez

## Staff Certification

Congratulations to Robert Gobert, CET for his certification achievement as an ICC Fire Inspector II and Rebecca Paskos for passing her AICP examination!

## Monthly Permit Summary

