**BUILDER BULLETIN #2017-01**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BUILDERS**

**The staff of the City of Brampton Building Division wish you a happy and prosperous New Year as we look forward to another successful year together. Please take a moment to review our first Builder Bulletin of the year.**

1. **Builders are reminded of the fee adjustment effective January 1, 2017 as permit fees are now tied to the consumer price index. The 2017 fee schedule is posted on the Building Division Website for your use.**

[**2017 Permit Fee Schedule**](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Building-Permits/Documents/Fees/Permit%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf)

1. **Please be aware that the energy efficiency requirements of the Ontario Building Code (SB-10 & SB-12) came into effect on January 1st, 2017. These changes will affect all buildings.**

**In accordance with the transition provisions of the Ontario Building Code, the deadline for filing of permit applications for buildings designed to comply with the current energy efficiency standards was December 31st, 2016.**

**Permits that are inactive for a period of 6 months will be deemed abandoned.**

**Construction must start within 6 months of the permit issuance - no extensions**

**As of January 1st, 2017, only Certified Models designed and reviewed for compliance with the new energy efficiency standards will be acceptable for new applications. No new permit applications will be accepted without a new certified model.**

**N.B. The most current version of SB-12 is the *July 7, 2016 update* issued by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Please refer to the electronic version using the following link:**

[**SB-12 Amendments**](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=15116)

1. **Amendments to Supplementary Standard SB-10 “Energy Efficiency Requirements”**

**The amendments help you meet the new energy efficiency requirements for buildings that come into effect, January 1, 2017.**

**Division 3 and 5 changes will apply to construction for which a permit has been applied for after December 31, 2016.**

**However, construction for which a permit is applied for between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 is permitted to comply with Division 3 and Division 5 as it currently reads (i.e. as it reads before the changes described above take effect).**

**Minor editorial changes are also made to Divisions 2 and 4.**

**The Minister’s Ruling and the revised Supplementary Standard SB-10 (as amended on December 22, 2016) are available at the link below.**

[**SB-10 Amendments**](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?vid=19096)

1. **New Legislation**

**Ministry of Labour Mandatory Working at Heights Training**

**As of April 1, 2015, employers must ensure that certain workers complete a working at heights training program that has been approved by the Ministry of Labour Chief Prevention Officer and delivered by an approved training provider before they can work at heights.  The training requirement is for workers on construction projects who use any of the following methods of fall protection: travel restraint systems, fall restricting systems, fall arrest systems, safety nets and work belts or safety belts.**

**This training requirement is in the** [**Occupational Health and Safety Awareness and Training Regulation**](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/130297)**, and is in addition to training requirements under the Construction Regulation.**

**See the attached link to the Ministry of Labour for further information.**

[**Working at Heights Legislation**](https://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/heights.php)

**Contact Anthony Magnone, Regulatory Co-ordinator, if you have any questions.**