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To: Municipal Building Officials
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Subject: 1. The Codes and Standards home page revisions to address statutory requirements per Public Act 09-192 Addressing Sustainable Designed to be Included in the 2005 State Building Code.
 2. The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Consumer Protection joint statement regarding permit applications and licensed contractors.

The Codes & Standards' home page has been revised to include the following:

1. A memo to interested parties regarding statutory requirements addressing sustainable design per PA 09-192 to be included in the 2010 Amendments to the 2005 State Building Code
2. The Connecticut Proposed Code Change Form
 (deadline for code change proposals is December 31, 2009)
3. 2009 Codes Amendments Subcommittee meeting dates.

The link is: <http://www.ct.gov/dps/cwp/view.asp?a=2148&Q=308964&dpsNav=>

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Louis Free, Chairman, Codes Amendment Subcommittee
DATE: October 15, 2009

This correspondence is to inform you that the State Codes and Standards Committee, Codes Amendment Subcommittee, in conjunction with the Office of the State Building Inspector, is in the process of reviewing the 2009 ICC International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC) for inclusion in the 2005 State Building Code for compliance with Public Act 09-192. No other matters regarding the State Building Code will be considered at this time. Please be advised that the Codes Amendment Subcommittee has established a procedure for the submittal of code changes to assist in the identifying of needed changes to the 2009 ICC International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC) to the 2005 State Building Code. The Subcommittee will only consider changes that are on the proper form. Any proposal not on the proper form will be returned without action. The [Connecticut Proposed Code Change Form](#) must be used for any code change proposal and submitted to the Committee on or before **Thursday, December 31, 2009**.

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Connecticut code change and adoption process.

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**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
October 20, 2009**

The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Consumer Protection advise that any person, including a licensed or registered contractor acting as agent of the property owner, may apply for a building permit whether or not the person, licensed or registered contractor is licensed to do any of the required work that is the subject of the permit.

If a licensed contractor under Chapter 393 of the Connecticut General Statutes cannot personally apply for the permit, a delegate of such contractor may apply for a permit for only the specific portion of work that such contractor is licensed for, provided that the delegate submits to the building official written authorization meeting the requirements of Section 20-338b of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Any person or entity that applies for a building permit on behalf of the property owner must meet the requirements of Section 29-263 of the Connecticut General Statutes and applicable administrative provisions of the State Building Code. (The State Building Code is a Connecticut state regulation adopted under authority of Section 29-252 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) The State Building Code requires a written affidavit from the property owner, or the agent must execute a signed statement in front of the building official, both indicating that the agent is authorized to apply for the permit on behalf of the property owner. A contractor that is not licensed to perform the work that is the subject of the permit need not obtain authorization from a contractor that is licensed to perform such work when the contractor that is not licensed in that particular discipline is the agent of the property owner. Some local building officials have interpreted Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-338b as requiring that the unlicensed contractor get written authorization from the licensed contractor when the unlicensed contractor applies for a building permit on behalf of the property owner. That is not the case.