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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING AND SAFETY

LADDER REQUIREMENTS FOR ROOFTOP AND ATTIC INSPECTIONS

THE CUSTOMER REQUESTING THE INSPECTION IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE LADDER.

The following are the ladder requirements for rooftop inspections:

- Manufactures labels and marking must be visible and legible.
- Extension ladders must be a minimum Type I heavy-duty industrial.
- Extension ladders must be capable of supporting a minimum of 250 lbs.
- Telescoping, folding or A-frame type ladders are **unacceptable.**
- Ladder must be set up on the shortest possible route to area of inspection or anchorage point.
- Ladders must be capable of extending 36 inches (3') above the eave or fascia line.
- Ladders must extend at a slope of 4 to 1 or 75 degrees.
- Ladders must be firmly secured in place to prevent displacement at the eave.
- Ladders must have slip resistant bases for either firm or soft surfaces.
- Nonconductive ladders are required around any electrical work or electrical lines.

Additional requirements for rooftop inspections:

- Anchorages for fall protection must be in place prior to inspection.
- Temporary anchorages shall be designed to support 5,000 lbs. per person.
- Multiple anchorages may be required for larger roofs.
- Anchorages may be omitted for roofs with slopes less than 2:12.
- Roof area must be clean and free of debris, saw dust, and trip hazards.
- All rooftop construction must be complete with no workers on the roof at the time of inspection.

Additional requirements for attic inspection:

- Provide an 8' or 10' A-frame type ladder.
- Ladder must be a minimum Type I heavy duty industrial.
- A frame ladders must be capable of supporting a minimum of 250 lbs.

If any of the above items are not provided or in place, the inspection will fail. In the event of a failed inspection, the Contractor may schedule one subsequent re-inspection at no additional cost. In the event that the installation fails twice for any of the items listed above, a re-inspection fee equal to the cost of one hour inspection time may be required before another inspection can be scheduled and performed.