



BSD Policies and Procedures City of Twin Falls

The City of Twin Falls Policy on Permit Validity and Code Application by the laws in effect at the time the permit application is received.

General Information

This policy pertains to projects designed and constructed within the City of Twin Falls. It establishes guidelines regarding the validity and vesting of building permits, including Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Codes, in accordance with Idaho statutes at the time the permit application is received.

Policy Summary:

1. Code Version Governing Building Permits:

- As per Idaho Code Section 39-4116, building permits shall be governed by the codes in effect at the time the permit application is received. The effective code on the application receipt date will guide the project to completion, unaffected by any updates or changes to the codes that occur after the application date.

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2. Applicability to Other Related Permits:

- This policy extends to related permits covering electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and fire systems. Once an application for the building permit is submitted, these permits are also governed by the statutes effective at that application date, ensuring consistency throughout the permitting process.

Implications:

- These guidelines stabilize project planning and compliance, safeguarding projects from changes in building codes after application submission.
- Consistent application across all permit types creates a streamlined and predictable regulatory environment for the City of Twin Falls.
- In alignment with the Idaho Code Section 39-4116, permits are governed by the laws in effect when the building permit application is received. This interpretation includes Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Codes as they pertain to the conditions at the time of the project permit application submission, regardless of whether individual M, E, P, or F permits have been issued. The intent is to have large projects designed to a stable set of codes, ensuring consistency throughout the build.

This policy not only aligns with practices across the state of Idaho and neighboring states but also ensures that expectations are clear and consistent for everyone involved in the planning and construction of large commercial projects within the City of Twin Falls.

For any questions or further clarification on this policy, please contact the Building Office at the City of Twin Falls.