Kern County

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Definition:

Under direction, to perform technical inspections of new and existing structures to enforce compliance with building codes.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is a broad class which encompasses entry-level inspectors without certification through the skilled level inspector with International Code Council (ICC) Certifications who works independently. Full journey level inspectors may have responsibility for a satellite office.

Essential Functions:

- Reviews, interprets and enforces code on residential, commercial and industrial construction projects.
- Reviews, interprets and enforces the Federal Emergency Management Authority regulations on residential, commercial and industrial construction projects.
- Provides customer service by responding to questions regarding building inspection activities and processes.
- Responds to and investigates complaints and violations.
- Coordinates requirements with all parties involved in the inspection process.
- Supervises an outlying Building Inspection Office and its support staff.
- Performs other duties of similar nature or level as required.

Employment Standards:

High School Diploma, G.E.D. or equivalent, and three years of related construction experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to obtain the knowledge and skill to successfully perform the essential duties of the job.

Additional Requirements:

California Driver's License

Building Inspector must obtain Certification in one (1) of the following categories within twelve (12) months of initial appointment. Failure to obtain certification will result in termination.

International Code Council (ICC) Certification in one or more of the following categories:

- Building Inspector
- Electrical Inspector
- Mechanical Inspector
- Plumbing Inspector

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OR

Office of State Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Class A Certification.

Knowledge of: construction trades; applicable laws, codes and regulations; and, safe work practices.

Skill in: handling sensitive situations; reading and interpreting plans and blue prints; interpreting and enforcing codes; reading maps; driving safely; and, communicating both orally and in writing sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.

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