



City of Laredo

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BUILDING BULLETIN 2020-002

Date: March 23, 2020

To: Building Development Services Customers

From: Mr. Arturo Garcia, Building Development Services Director
Mr. Gerry Pinzon, PE, Building Official

Subject: Temporary Allowance for Foundation Inspections by Third-Party Inspector

Purpose: In order to better facilitate and provide better service to the building community, The City of Laredo Building Development Services is offering other measures to alleviate the burden may be experienced during this time.

Scope: A third-party inspector will be allowed as evidence of foundation inspection to satisfy the International Building Code inspection requirements provided the third-party inspector. This approval is temporary and in effect only while the emergency declaration period due to the COVID-19 in the City of Laredo.

Requirements:

This temporary allowance will be approved on a one-to-one basis, which means only those pre-approved inspections will be allowed to have 3rd Party inspections. **Prior approval must be submitted in writing to the Building Official, via email at gpinzon@ci.laredo.tx.us** . The following will be required for inspection to be approved:

1. All foundation inspections will have to be called in to our Naviline Permit System using, either Click2Gov (<https://click2gov.cityoflaredo.com/Click2GovBP/index.html>) or Phone System (Selectron at (956) 794-1660). If issues arise, you may call the main number, but due to limited staff, a longer wait may be experienced.
2. Building Development Services Department will approve inspection with code COVID-19. If no inspection approval, you may not continue with preceding inspections.
3. Our Naviline Permit System does not allow to continue until the proper order of construction is inspected. Therefore, make sure your inspections are properly called in.
4. Inspection report by third-party inspector should include:
 - a. Existence of Vapor Barrier
 - b. Proper Setbacks
 - c. Proper Slope to front or as indicated by Plat
 - d. Recommended 14" elevation from curve as indicated by survey
 - e. Steel verification.

This report may be submitted in conjunction with a combination of a Geotechnical engineer and/or Surveyor with each specifying permit number, address of project and date and must be wet sealed. Should you have any question please let us know or to schedule a meeting at a suitable time.