

## Important Change to the Minnesota Building Code: Plan Review Letter

A revised section to the administrative rules portion of the state building code will change how some of our plan reviews for some remodeling, mostly commercial/multi-family, will be done. When plans are prepared by a licensed design professional the new language will require that any code corrections that are identified be itemized by the code official through a plan review letter. The provision prevents the building department from marking up (red-lining) plans. This change takes effect January 24, 2015.

*1300.0130 Construction Documents.*

*Subpart 6. Approval of construction documents.*

*Subitem B. (in part) "Any code deficiencies identified by the building official during the plan review process for construction documents that are prepared by a design professional who is licensed or certified under Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.02 to 326.15 must be itemized by the building official through a comprehensive plan review letter only. Any code deficiencies identified by the building official during the plan review process for construction documents that are not prepared by a licensed or certified design professional may be marked directly on the document or itemized by the building official through a comprehensive plan review letter."*

This means that there will be a couple of extra steps in the process for some projects. Rather than plan review marking corrections of code deficiencies on plans and issuing a permit at that time, plan review will prepare and mail or email a correction letter to the architect/engineer. The design professional will then make any necessary revisions to the plans. Revised plans will then need to be resubmitted for review, approval and permit.

Please plan accordingly for the time necessary for these added steps.

