

BUILDING INSPECTION NEWS

January 2016

HOLMES RETIRES AFTER 14 YEARS

After 14 years of service to the building construction community in Dallas, three of them as Chief Building Official, Larry Holmes tried to slip quietly out the door to retirement on Tuesday, January 5th.

Larry began his career with the City of Dallas in 2001, serving as Assistant Building Official over the field operations. In 2012, while BI was still recovering from deep staffing cuts caused by the recession, Larry was appointed Chief Building Official.

There have been many positive changes under Larry's leadership, like the smart phone app for inspection requests, electronic plan review, and the new electronic document management system. Larry has also played a leading role in creating a



beneficial partnership with our stakeholders as he believed that having input with our most valued customers was the key to achieving the gold standard.

Last year, Larry was named Building Official of the year by the Construction Research Advisory Committee for his professionalism, code knowledge and communication skills. Larry has definitely left his mark on Building Inspection. His wisdom, experience and code knowledge along with his candor and humor will be greatly missed.

SIKES ACTING BUILDING OFFICIAL

In a December 18th memo to the Dallas Mayor and City Council, Assistant City Manager Ryan Evans announced that Phil Sikes would be appointed as Acting Building Official after the retirement of Larry Holmes, until a permanent Building Official is appointed.

Phil has been with the City of Dallas since 1991 in the Building Inspection and Planning Departments and has been an Assistant Building Official since 2008. In that capacity he has supervised both the plan review section and the field inspection section. Phil's reliable leadership will benefit both the Building Inspection staff and the development community during this interim period.

DALLAS ADOPTS REST BREAK ORDINANCE

The City Council has approved a new Rest Break Ordinance requiring that all workers performing construction activities at a construction site receive a rest break of not less than ten minutes for every four hours of scheduled work. The ordinance became effective January 1, 2016.

Passage of the ordinance has prompted a change to the wording in the Building Construction Site Management Notice required to be posted at all building construction sites. For construction that was permitted be-

fore the January 1st effective date, the additional wording for the Site Management Notice may be posted next to the existing notice.

The updated [site management notice](#) is posted on the BI website and is also included on [page two](#) of this newsletter. Violations to the requirements of the ordinance should be reported to 3-1-1.

A copy of the entire Rest Break Ordinance may be obtained from the [City Secretary's Office](#).

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HOMEBUILDERS HONOR HOLMES



At their January meeting, the Dallas Builders Association showed their appreciation for retired Chief Building Official Larry Holmes.

Over the past several years, Larry has worked to build a good working relationship with this

and other contractor organizations in order to better serve Building Inspection customers.

Larry was presented with a beautiful commemorative plaque as well as other thoughtful gifts in honor of his retirement.

Building Construction Site Management Notice

City of Dallas Construction Information

--- *Address of construction site*

--- *General Contractors name and local phone number*

--- *Project Name*

Report violations to the City of Dallas by dialing 3-1-1 (24 hours - 7 days a week). Construction is limited to 7 AM until 7 PM Monday through Friday and 8 AM until 7 PM on Saturdays, when work is on or adjacent to a residential use as defined in the Dallas Development Code.

Rest Break Information: A worker performing construction activity at a construction site is entitled to a rest break of not less than 10 minutes for every four hours of scheduled work. Violations of this may be reported confidentially to the City by dialing 3-1-1.

Información sobre periodos de descanso: Un trabajador realizando la actividad de construcción en un sitio de construcción tiene el derecho a un periodo de descanso de no menos de 10 minutos por cada cuatro horas de trabajo. Violaciones a esta ley pueden ser reportadas confidencialmente al Ayuntamiento marcando el 3-1-1.

BUILDING INSPECTION OFFICE LOCATIONS

Main Office / Permit Center
320 E. Jefferson Blvd., Room 118
Oak Cliff Municipal Center
214-948-4480 (BI Customer Service)

Southeast Inspection Office
725 N. Jim Miller Rd
214-670-8160

Southwest District Office
2730 Coombs Creek Dr.
214-948-4384

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