

Survey Date: _____

Jurisdiction Information

1.	Jurisdiction Name:
1a.	County:
1b.	State:
2.	Name of jurisdiction representative that filled out the questionnaire:
	 Title:
3.	12-month reporting period used for this survey:
4.	What year was the jurisdiction established? INA / DNA / DNA Incorporated? INA / DNA
5.	What year was the building department established? \square INA / DNA
6.	What was the first year of continuous building code enforcement? \square INA / DNA
7.	Name of department enforcing building codes prior to establishment of jurisdiction's building department (if applicable):
8.	Chief Administrative Officer
	Prefix: First Name: Last Name:
	Title:
	Physical Address:
	Mailing Address:
	City:State:Zip:
	Phone:Email:
9.	Building Official
	Prefix: First Name: Last Name:
	Title:
	Physical Address:
	Mailing Address:
	City:State:Zip:
	Phone:Email:



Financial Information

1.	Indicate the total fair market value or assessed value of all buildings in the jurisdiction served by the building department:
	Fair market value: \$ or - Assessed value \$
	If the value above is the assessed value, show the percentage of fair market value used. $_\{\%}$
	Year of most recent evaluation:
	Indicate which of the following are not included in the above figure: educational facilities I and value other: government buildings military buildings hospitals religious buildings
2.	Indicate the reported construction cost for all projects permitted during the reporting period in each of the following categories. Include new construction, additions, and renovations.
	Commercial: Multifamily: 1 and 2 family Manufactured / modular homes: Residential: Manufactured / modular homes:
3.	How does the department determine the construction cost for a project?
	 □ Model building code table without revision □ Model building code table with revision □ Other
4.	What were the operating expenditures, including salaries and overhead, for all building department activities during the reporting period? \$
5.	What were the building department's training expenditures in the reporting period? \$ Note: Expenditures include course fees, meals, and travel expenses but not salaries for the time spent in training.
6.	Indicate total expenditures spent on public awareness programs in the reporting period. \$
7.	How are the building department's operations funded?
	 General Fund Enterprise System Combination: General Fund% Enterprise System%



Planning Information

1.	Does the jurisdiction have a written plan or strategy that outlines mitigation activities
	following a natural disaster?

□ Yes

If yes, what is the name of the plan?:

Does the jurisdiction have a written plan to address permit and inspection activities 2. following a natural or man-made disaster?

□ Yes □ No

3. Does the building department have a mutual aid agreement with other building departments to share resources following a natural or man-made disaster?

4. Does the jurisdiction's general or comprehensive plan contain policies related to construction and development within areas subject to natural hazards?

□ Yes □ No

If yes, what is the name of the plan?: _____

Natural Hazard Information

	1.	Mark all natural	hazards	vour	jurisdiction	is subject t	0:
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- Brush/Forest Fire □ Coastal Flood
- □ Earthquake
- 🗆 Hail
- □ Landslide/Mudflow
- □ Soil Liquefaction
- □ Steep Slopes
- □ Tsunami

□ Lightning

- □ Soil Subsidence
 - □ Shrinking/Swelling Soil

Mark all hazards that are addressed in your jurisdiction's additions, deletions, or

- modifications to the adopted building codes:
 - □ Brush/Forest Fire
 - Coastal Flood
 - □ Landslide/Mudflow
 - □ Soil Liquefaction
 - □ Steep Slopes
 - □ Tsunami
- □ Soil Subsidence

□ Earthquake

□ Lightning

- □ Shrinking/Swelling Soil
- □ None

🗆 Hail

□ Riverine Flood

□ Riverine Flood

□ Special Wind Region

□ Hurricane

□ Tornado

□ Snow Load

- □ Hurricane
- □ Snow Load
- □ Special Wind Region
- □ Tornado

2.



Floodplain Management

1. Does the community have a FEMA defined and regulated floodplain, and/or any other areas where the community's flood damage prevention regulations would apply?

□ Yes □ No

If yes, please provide responses to the remaining questions in this section.

2. Does the jurisdiction allow construction in the floodplain?

□ Yes □ No

- 3. What is the freeboard requirement for construction in the floodplain? _____
- 4. Number of permits issued in the floodplain during the reporting period: _____
- 5. Number of variances from NFIP requirements granted during the reporting period: _____
- 6. Are manufactured homes allowed to be placed in the floodplain?

 \Box Yes \Box No

If yes, who regulates such placements? _____

7. Does the jurisdiction regulate the placement of manufactured homes on foundation systems in the floodplain?

□ Yes □ No

If yes, which local department regulates such placements?

Building Department	Zoning Department	Housing Department

- Engineering Department
- 8. Are NFIP elevation certificates required for construction or development in the floodplain?

□ Yes	🗆 No
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If no, what elevation information is collected during the permitting process?

Flood Zone	□ Base flood eleva	ition	\Box Lowest floor elevation
□ Lowest adjace	ent grade elevation	🗆 Non	e

- 9. Are any of the following design certifications required for construction in the floodplain?
 - □ V-zone (coastal) design certification
 - \Box Nonresidential floodproofing design certification
 - □ Engineered flood openings certificate
 - \Box None
- 10. Which state regulations affecting construction in the floodplain are enforced locally?

 \Box Freeboard $\ \Box$ More restrictive floodway $\ \Box$ Erosion setbacks $\ \Box$ None



- 11. Indicate any outside authorities that regulate construction in the floodplain within your jurisdiction:
- 12. Does the jurisdiction have a public awareness program for flood mitigation as it relates to new construction?

 \Box Yes \Box No

If yes, check all that apply:

- $\hfill\square$ Presentations to civic groups, architects, contractors, trade schools
- \Box Pamphlets for general public
- $\hfill\square$ Newspaper articles

 $\hfill\square$ Department website

□ Newsletters

 \Box TV/Radio spots



Permitting Information

1. Provide the total number of permits issued in each category during the reporting period:

Commercial/Multifamily	Building	Electrical	Fuel Gas	Mechanical	Plumbing
New Buildings					
Additions					
Renovations					
Manufactured/Modular					
Roof Replacement					
Other Building-Related ^A					
Other Non Building-Related ^B					

1 & 2 Family Residential	Building	Electrical	Fuel Gas	Mechanical	Plumbing
New Buildings					
Additions					
Renovations					
Manufactured/Modular					
Roof Replacement					
Other Building-Related ^A					
Other Non Building-Related ^B					

Note A: permits are building related; for example, barns, sheds, siding, decks, demolition and house moving, among others

Note B: permits are not building related; for example, pools, signs, and fences

2. Does the building department require a building permit for all new 1 & 2 family dwellings?

 \Box Yes \Box No



Code Adoption Information

Adopted Codes

1. Provide information on the jurisdiction's adopted codes below:

		<u>ICC</u>	<u>NFPA</u>	<u>IAPMO</u>	<u>Other</u>	Edition <u>Year</u>	Effective <u>Year</u>
1a.	Commercial Building Code						
1b.	1 & 2 Family Residential Code						
1c.	Commercial Electrical Code						
	Residential Electrical Code						
1d.	Commercial Mechanical Code						
1b. 1c. 1d. 1e. 1f. 1g. 1h. 1i. 1j. 1k. If 'Other' 2. F () 3. H () () () () () () () () () () () () ()	Residential Mechanical Code						
1e.	Commercial Fuel Gas Code						
 1b. 1 & 2 Family Resident 1c. Commercial Electrical Residential Electrical Residential Electrical Residential Mechanic Residential Mechanic Residential Fuel Gas Residential Fuel Gas Residential Fuel Gas Residential Plumbing Residential Plumbing 1g. Commercial Plumbing Ig. Commercial Energy Con Residential Energy Co	Residential Fuel Gas Code						
1f.	Commercial Plumbing Code						
	Residential Plumbing Code						
1g.	Commercial Wildland Urban Interface						
	Residential Wildland Urban Interface						
1h.	Commercial Energy Code						
	Residential Energy Code						
1i.	Commercial Existing Building Code						
	Residential Existing Building Code						
1j.	Commercial Fire Code						
	Residential Fire Code						
1k.	Commercial Green Construction Code Residential Green Construction Code						
lf 'Oth	ner', please describe:						
2.	Provide ordinance/statute numbe	r adop	oting the	e current l	building	code:	
	Commercial		Resid	ential			
3.	Has the jurisdiction or other author weaken the structural design prov	•				•	-
	Commercial	C	Re	sidential	□ Yes		No
	Describe the amendments:						
4.	Does the jurisdiction adopt and en sprinklers systems in all new 1 &		-		mandat	e the instal	lation of fire
	□ Yes □ No						



Building Official Information

- 1. Does the building official possess any of the following qualifications?
 - □ Certified Building Official certification (or equivalent)
 - \Box <u>Licensed</u> engineer or architect
 - □ None
- 2. Indicate the building official's highest level of formal education:
 - □ High school diploma
 - □ Associates degree
 - □ Bachelors degree
 - □ Post-graduate degree
- 3. Indicate the building official's work experience (in years):

Construction (prior to code enforcement) _____ Code Enforcement _____ Building Official _____

- 4. How does the community select the building official (mark all that apply)?
 - Examination (certification, CBO, Civil Service), Exam type: ______
 - $\hfill\square$ Peer Review by other building officials
 - \Box Promotion
 - \Box Appointed
- 5. Is there a written job description for the building official?

Yes (please provide a copy)	🗆 No
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Certifications and Licensing

1. Is there a statewide or local mandate requiring code officials to be certified (mark all that apply)?

		Plan				Plan	
Commercial	Inspection	<u>Review</u>	<u>None</u>	Residential	Inspection	<u>Review</u>	<u>None</u>
Building				Building			
Electrical				Electrical			
Fuel Gas				Fuel Gas			
Mechanical				Mechanical			
Plumbing				Plumbing			



2. Are code officials required to complete code-specific training classes prior to taking certification exams?

		Plan				Plan	
Commercial	Inspection	Review	None	Residential	Inspection	<u>Review</u>	<u>None</u>
Building				Building			
Electrical				Electrical			
Fuel Gas				Fuel Gas			
Mechanical				Mechanical			
Plumbing				Plumbing			

3. Does your certification program require continuing education? If yes, what is the interval for recertification?

Commercial		<u>None</u>	Residential		<u>None</u>
Building	years		Building	years	
Electrical	years		Electrical	years	
Fuel Gas	years		Fuel Gas	years	
Mechanical	years		Mechanical	years	
Plumbing	years		Plumbing	years	

4. What is the timeframe for code officials to obtain certification?

		Plan			
Commercial	Inspection	<u>Review</u>	<u>None</u>		
Building				Timeframe: Years	Prior to Hire
Electrical				Timeframe: Years	Prior to Hire
Fuel Gas				Timeframe: Years	Prior to Hire
Mechanical				Timeframe: Years	Prior to Hire
Plumbing				Timeframe: Years	Prior to Hire
		Plan			
Residential	Inspection	Review	None		

Residential	Inspection	<u>Review</u>	<u>None</u>		
Building				Timeframe: Years	\Box Prior to Hire
Electrical				Timeframe: Years	$\hfill\square$ Prior to Hire
Fuel Gas				Timeframe: Years	\Box Prior to Hire
Mechanical				Timeframe: Years	\Box Prior to Hire
Plumbing				Timeframe: Years	\Box Prior to Hire

5. Are code officials required to have trades experience prior to obtaining certification?

		Plan				Plan	
Commercial	Inspection F	Review	None	Residential	Inspection R	eview I	None
Building				Building			
Electrical				Electrical			
Fuel Gas				Fuel Gas			
Mechanical				Mechanical			
Plumbing				Plumbing			



6.	Does the depa	artment pay ce	ertification exar	nination fees?			
	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential 🛛 Y	es	□ No	
7.		•	le incentives, b training or certi	onuses, promotions fication?	s, or sala	ry increases t	o code
	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential 🛛 Y	es	□ No	
8.	Does the depa	artment pay fo	r continuing ed	ucation?			
	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential DY	es	□ No	
9.			mandate for co and/or Exam if i	ontractors or trades equired)?	people to	be licensed	and/or
	Commercia	I		Residential	l		
	Building Electrical Fuel Gas Mechanical Plumbing	Yes No Ex □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	perience Exan □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	n Building Electrical Fuel Gas Mechanical Plumbing			Exam
10.	Are contractor project?	rs required to	post performan	ce or surety bonds	to ensure	e completion (of the
	□ Yes	□ No					
11.	Does the depa	artment have o	certified permit	technicians on staf	f?		
	□ Yes	□ No 	peals Boar	d Information	<u>1</u>		
1.	Does the juri	sdiction have	a formal appea	ls process?			
	□ Yes	□ No					
	If yes, indicate code interpret		who would hea	ar appeals related t	o the buil	ding departm	ent's
	Building coCity manaMayor	ode board of a ger	appeals	Zoning board of a City/Town counci Other:	il		



2. List appeals board members, their occupations, and building code-related training hours received in the reporting period.:

Name	Occupation	Training Hours	Board Type
			CommercialResidential
			☐ Commercial☐ Residential
			☐ Commercial☐ Residential
			☐ Commercial☐ Residential
			CommercialResidential
			 Commercial Residential

Other Code Administration Information

1. Does the jurisdiction have zoning provisions which attempt to mitigate the effects of natural hazards other than flood, for the following types of structures?

Commercial	□ Yes	\Box No \Box Does not apply
Residential	□ Yes	\Box No \Box Does not apply
Critical Facilities	🗆 Yes	\Box No \Box Does not apply

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- 2. Does the jurisdiction have zoning provisions covering general land use?
 - \Box Yes \Box No
- 3. Does the building department have a public awareness program?

🗆 Yes	🗆 No
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If yes, please mark all that apply:

- \Box Presentations to civic groups, architects, contractors, trade schools
- $\hfill\square$ Pamphlets for general public
- Newspaper articles
 Newsletters

- □ Department website
- □ TV/Radio spots



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Indicate the number of staff hours spent on public awareness during the reporting period:

4.	Do departmer	nt staff particip	ate in any code o	organizations?					
	□ Yes	□ No							
	lf yes, check a	all that apply:							
			□ State	□ Other:					
	• ·		participate in cod uilding codes?	le organizations, do these organizations submit	t				
	□ Yes	□ No							
	Which meetings do members of the building department attend?								
	☐ Midyear meetings☐ Annual meetings☐ Chapter meetings☐ Do not attend meetings								
	Which of thes	e code organi	zations do buildir	ng department staff belong to?					
	□ Local	□ State	□ None						
5.		• •	nt have general lelines and emplo	personnel or administrative policies related to oyee practices?					
	□ Yes	□ No							
6.		•		oolicies covering department-specific items such ode interpretations?	h				
	□ Yes	□ No							
	If yes, are the	se departmen	t policies readily	available to the public?					
	□ Yes	□ No							



Plan Review Information

1. Provide the total number of structural building code plan reviews performed in each category for the reporting period (include plan reviews performed by third parties):

Commercial

New Buildings	Additions	Renovations	Manufactured/Modular	Roof Replacement	Other Building- Related	Other Non Building- Related

Residential

New Buildings	Additions	Renovations	Manufactured/Modular	Roof Replacement	Other Building- Related	Other Non Building- Related

2. Does the department require plan reviews to be completed to verify compliance with the following codes?

Commercial
Commercial
Commercial
Commercial

- □ Residential
- Residential
- Residential
- □ Residential
- 3. Provide the total number of electrical, fuel gas, mechanical, and plumbing plan reviews performed during the reporting period:

Commercial:	Residential:
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4. Does the department require plans detailing structural criteria for all new buildings and additions?

Commercial 🛛 Yes	🗆 No	Residential 🛛 Yes	🗆 No	
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If yes, does the department or qualified designee perform a structural building code plan review prior to issuing the building permit?

Commercial 🗆 Yes	🗆 No	Residential 🛛 Yes	🗆 No



5.	When a proposed 1 & 2 family dwelling project contains complex or unusual design features,
	does the department require a detailed structural building code plan review be conducted?

 \Box Yes \Box No

6. Are all structural plans required to be prepared by a registered design professional?

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	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential 🗆 Y	es	□ No
7.	Are structural a registered d	-	•	onducted when th	e plans ha	we been prepared by
	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential 🗆 Y	es	□ No
8.	•					such as continuous re a part of all plan
	Commercial Residential	□ Yes □ Yes	□ No □ No	□ Some □ Some	_% _%	
9.		• •	ent's plan reviev submitted to th	v process specify e department?	which req	uired special
	□ Yes	□ No				
10.	Do building de and Energy C	• •	n reviews incluc	de the provisions o	of the Wild	land Urban Interface
	Commercial Residential		Jrban Interface Jrban Interface	□ Energy□ Energy	□ None □ None	
11.		• •	ent rely on mode lated to building	el code evaluation g design?	reports to	approve new
	□ Yes	□ No				
	lf yes, indicate procedures.	e which resou	rces the buildin	g department use	s to evalua	ate new products and
	□ ICC □ Other:			□ State	UL Lis	tings
12.	Does the depa	artment use a	detailed writter	n checklist for build	ding code	plan reviews?
	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential 🗆 Y	es	□ No
	If yes, does th	ie checklist be	come part of th	e permanent reco	ord?	
	Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential 🗆 Y	es	□ No



13. How does the building department evaluate the performance of plan reviewers?

			How Often?	
	 General performance ev Follow-up plan review Performance not evaluat 			
14.	Does the department use a	plan review se	rvice such as a state or a th	ird-party agency?
	Commercial 🗆 Yes	□ No	Residential 🗆 Yes	□ No
	If yes, provide the name of	the plan review	service(s):	

Inspection Information

1. Does the building department conduct field inspections for the following?

Commercial/Multifamily 🗆 Yes 🗆 No

1 & 2 family residential \Box Yes \Box No

2. Provide the total number of inspections conducted for each category during the reporting period (include inspections performed by third parties):

Commercial/Multifamily	Building	Electrical	Fuel Gas	Mechanical	Plumbing
New Buildings					
Additions					
Renovations					
Manufactured/Modular					
Roof Replacement					
Other Building-Related ^A					
Other Non Building-Related ^B					

1 & 2 Family Residential	Building	Electrical	Fuel Gas	Mechanical	Plumbing
New Buildings					
Additions					
Renovations					
Manufactured/Modular					
Roof Replacement					
Other Building-Related ^A					
Other Non Building-Related ^B					

- Note A: building-related permit examples: barns, sheds, siding, decks, demolition and house moving, among others
- Note B: Other non building related permit examples: pools, signs, fences, and retaining walls, among others



Does the depa agency?	artment use a	n outside inspe	ection service	such as the st	tate or a third-party
Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential	□ Yes	□ No
If yes, provide	the name of	the inspection s	service(s):		
Does the depa	artment requir	e that all outsic	le inspectors	are certified?	
□ Yes	□ No				
Does the build	ling departme	ent have the au	thority to issue	e stop work or	ders?
□ Yes	□ No				
What percenta	age of building	g inspections re	esult in correct	tion notices?	
%					
Does the depa	artment use a	detailed writte	n checklist in	the building in	spection process?
Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential	□ Yes	□ No
If yes, does th	e checklist be	come part of th	ne permanent	record?	
Commercial	□ Yes	□ No	Residential	□ Yes	□ No
Does the build	ling departme	ent require spec	cial inspection	s for specific s	structural elements?
□ Yes	□ No				
If yes, what ce	ertification req	uirements are t	there for spec	ial inspectors?	?
🗆 Exam 🛛	Experience	□ Interview	Other:		□ None
		onducted by the jurisdiction is s			res that mitigate c)?
□ Yes	□ No				
lf yes, explain	:				
Do building de and Energy C	•	pections include	e the provisio	ns of the Wild	and Urban Interface
Commercial Residential		Jrban Interface Jrban Interface	0	•	



10. Does the building department require a final inspection before a certificate of occupancy is issued?

Commercial	□ Yes	🗆 No	Building type not inspected
Residential	□ Yes	🗆 No	Building type not inspected

11. Does the building department require that a certificate of occupancy be issued prior to a new building being occupied?

Commercial	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	Building type not inspected
Residential	□ Yes	🗆 No	Building type not inspected

12. How does the building department evaluate the performance of inspectors?

How Often?

□ General performance evaluation

 \Box Follow-up field inspection

 \Box Performance not evaluated