



DBS News

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Director's Update



As 2018 winds down we are thankful for all the support received from our customers throughout the year. We have implemented changes and modules within our permits and inspections systems to continue to be more efficient and bring enhancements to our customers. More work is planned for 2019 and we continue to welcome your suggestions and comments. A big focus this year was placed on training for our team members and as a result of their hard work, we have had several of our inspectors receive multiple certifications along the way. We hope everyone has a very safe and wholesome Christmas and holiday season and a Happy New Year.

The Department of Building Safety is offering One on One SagesGov and / or other sponsored training (as it is made available) to all users. Please click the training link below, complete the form and a representative from the DBS will contact you to schedule a date.

[CLICK HERE to sign up for One on One Sages or Other Sponsored Training:](#)

Staff News



Association of County Commissioners of Georgia

Our Assistant Director - Fayette County Department of Building Safety – was honored by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia or ACCG during the recent Legislative Leadership Conference. Steve was presented with his certificate for completing the Public Safety Specialty Track training curriculum. Steve was one of several County Officials that were recognized by ACCG and the Carl Vincent Institute for their accomplishments during the conference.

National Fire Protection Association Conference

Members of the DBS staff attended the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Conference & Expo during a June conference. The Conference & Expo is the most comprehensive educational event in the industry, bringing together thousands of leading professionals to address the latest issues, challenges and trends facing the world of fire protection and life safety through 110 educational sessions and other special events. In addition, more than 350 exhibitors showcased their technology and equipment as well as provided informational training sessions throughout the conference.

National Energy Codes Conference

Our team had representation at the National Energy Codes Conference earlier this year. The conference identified changes in the new residential and commercial model energy codes as well as helped attendees understand different compliance paths in the 2018 IECC, Standard 90.1 along with residential and commercial code requirements. The code development process as well as the basics of ICC code development was reviewed and a summary of the last code cycle was discussed. Several breakout sessions covering various Energy code topics were available for attendees.



Lindsey Lee

We would like to welcome Lindsey Lee to our team as Permit Technician. Lindsey has quickly become a valuable asset to our team and she will be working toward her goal of completing her ICC Certification as a Prmit Technician.

Leslie Nieber

Leslie Nieber has been working diligently on completing her ICC certifications toward achieving her goal of full time Plans Examiner. She has recieved her ICC Certifications as a Residential and Commercial Building Inspector as well ICC Certifications for Residential Electrical and Plumbing Inspector. Congratualtions Leslie on your accomplishments.

Chris Honeycutt

We would like to Congratulate Chris on becoming ICC Certified as a Residential Electrical and Mechanical Inspector. Chris recently had the honor of getting married in October of this year and enjoyed a relaxing honeymoon with his new bride Katie in the Dominican Republic. Congratualtions Chris and good job!

Jerry Bowles

We would like to Congratulate Jerry on becoming a Residential ICC Certified Electrical Inspector as well as a Residential Combination Inspector. Way to go Jerry, Congratualtions.

[Inspection Reminders / Updates](#)

"Inspection/Location Notes" When in the scheduling section of your online permit requesting an inspection in SagesGov you will have the opportunity to leave the inspector important notes. This section is not to be used for specific appointment time's but instead for important information related to the site / inspection such as: dog in rear yard, access codes etc.

[Notice to Industry from Fayette County](#)

This important information can be located on our website and is updated any time we release important updates. [Click here](#) to review notices we have released in the past.

[Notice to Industry Pool Installers](#)



Fayette County is pleased to host a training seminar "Pool Code and Safety Changes" in early 2019. We will open this up to pool builders - both field and office staff, other jurisdictions including inspectors and home builders to enhance users knowledge needed to build and inspect for safe code compliant swimming pools. [Click here](#) to register to attend the class. We are honored to have Shawn Still - Government Affairs Director for the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals'- Georgia Chapter leading this seminar. We will have a Q & A session for anyone who would like to dicuss the Fayette County Permit and / or Inspection process following the session. Lunch will be provided to the attendees of this seminar. Dates will be announced in the next few weeks so keep an eye on our website for details [Click here](#) .

[Crawl Space Lighting](#)

210.8 (E) Crawl Space Lighting Outlets.

GFCI protection now required for crawl space lighting outlets rated 120 volts or less.

Code Change Summary: A new code section was added to require GFCI protection for lighting outlets in crawl spaces. Lighting outlets, not exceeding 120 volts, in a crawl space now require GFCI protection. It is important to keep in mind that Article 100 defines an "Outlet" as "A point on the wiring system at which current is taken to supply utilization equipment". Many people think that only receptacles are considered outlets. A lighting "outlet" in a crawl space is any luminaire or light fixture located in the crawl space. This is a NEC code change - adopted as part of the 2017 version of the code.

[SagesGov Updates](#)

- E-Permits: Are now available on SagesGov for limited Residential and Commercial types of permits. E-Permits are issued immediately and require no plan review. If there are any open Enforcement or Expired permits on a particular parcel the location does not qualify for the E-Permit. The new E-Permit tile is in the home section of your SagesGov portal.

- Expired Permit Notificiations: SagesGov will now send a courtesy reminder to the permit holder that a permit is nearing expiration. Expired Permit notifications are sent beginning 10 days prior and up to the expiration date.

- Address Requests: As a reminder - all new address request including address change requests are to be submitted through Sages. There are tiles on your SagesGov home screen to make these requests. Address Requests will be completed within 30-45 days of submission.

Inspector emails for those who wish to communicate with our inspectors by way of email:

- James Massey - jmassey@fayettecountyga.gov

- Jerry Bowles - jbowles@fayettecountyga.gov

- Chris Honeycutt - choneycutt@fayettecountyga.gov

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