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FAQs

Conveyance Inspection Program

If your question isn't answered below or if you require further explanation, please call us at 720-913-4183 or email us at DFDConveyances@denvergov.org.

What is the Conveyance Inspection Program? The program oversees plan review, licensing, and safety inspections of conveyance systems (elevators, escalators, moving walkways, chair lifts, people-mover systems, etc.) within the City and County of Denver.

What recently changed about the program? On July 1, 2013, the Denver Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division took over responsibility for the program from the Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety (OPS), which had managed Denver's program since 2008. Denver's program mirrors the program structure and operation established by OPS, so the primary change conveyance owners will experience is that all transactions are now completed directly with DFD.

Why did this change take place?
The state's Division of Oil and Public Safety is responsible for thousands of conveyances throughout the state, but those located within the City and County of Denver are subject to the conveyance requirements in the Denver City Code, which are slightly different from those required in other jurisdictions. (The differences are connected with "firefighter recall," or the way elevators in Denver are programmed to behave under emergency conditions.) We want to ensure that inspectors are properly trained in Denver's regulations and simplify things for both our agencies.

In addition, in the event of emergencies the Denver's conveyance program manager and fire protection engineers can respond immediately to investigate the role the conveyance played in the incident. After discussing this matter for several months, the State of Colorado and the City of Denver concluded that transferring the responsibility for conveyances located in Denver would be a win-win for everyone.

Will Denver Firefighters conduct the annual inspection of my conveyance? No. Denver Fire will conduct the plan review for new conveyances, license the inspectors/ installers, and oversee the inspection program. The actual inspections will be performed by professional conveyance inspectors licensed by the City and County of Denver.

How do I contact the Conveyance Staff?
Please scroll to the bottom of this memo or see the DFD website for current contact information.

What will the fees be for processing plan documents submitted to DFD? Please refer to the application for which you are applying. The fee schedule for each type of permit is listed on the specific document.

Will DFD send out reminder notices to property owners for inspections or should we call to verify when the inspection is due? As a courtesy, the DFD will send a warning notice to the conveyance contact owner/manager we have on file that your Certificate of Operation and Operational Permit is or will expire soon. It is the responsibility of conveyance owners to notify us of any contact changes. It is the Conveyance owner or the responsible party as designated by the property owner to know and comply with all local and State regulations regarding their conveyance(s).

Will DFD require licenses for conveyance inspectors and contractors who work in Denver? Yes, this licensing program is currently under development. See below for licensing contact information.

How will we know if an inspector, contractor, or mechanic is certified through the new Denver Fire certification? Will there be a list of certified vendors available? A list will be provided on the DFD website.

Is taking a test required to obtain a Conveyance Inspector Fire Department License?
Yes, the tests are not designed for failure. Anyone qualified in their field and knowledgeable about conveyance requirements unique to the City and County of Denver should not fail.

How long does it take to complete the application and take the test? The test-taker is given two hours to complete the test. Most test-takers complete the application and the test within 90 minutes. For any test-takers who may have a reading disability or may not be proficient in English and Spanish, readers and language translators will be available.

Can the license test be taken online? No, this is not an available option.

Is parking available? There are three visitor parking spaces off of the Welton Street entrance to the Fire Headquarters parking lot.

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