F.A.Q.

Permit Questions:

Q: Do I have to obtain a contractors license to pull a building permit in Elbert County?
A: No, you do not need to obtain a contractor's license in Elbert County.

Q: Can I pay for my permit over the phone with a credit card?
A: No, we only accept cash or check.

Q: For an over the counter permit, such as roofing, can I mail you a check with my permit application and have you fax or e-mail my permit to me once you have received it?
A: Yes. The mailing address is:
Community and Development Services
PO Box 7
Kiowa, CO

Q: Can the building department tell me where my septic is, or give me information on my septic permit?
A: No. you will need to contact Health and Environment at 303-621-3144

Re Roof Questions:

Q: Do I have to double felt on slopes of 2/12 or less?
A: Yes
Q: Can I use ice and water shield in place of double felt?
A: Yes

Q: Do I have to put ice and water shield on an unattached or unheated structure, such as a barn or garage?
A: No, as long as it is not attached to the house and is not heated.

Q: How do I apply ice and water shield according to code on attached porch covers?
A: You apply Ice and Water shield on entire porch cover and continue up 24" inside the heated wall.

Q: Do I have to apply ice and water at eaves and rakes?
A: Only at eaves, 24" inside the heated wall.

Q: Do I have to use 90lb felt in valleys?
A: Yes

Q: Can I use 3 tab shingles in Elbert county?
A: All shingles and other roofing materials must meet the 90MPH design wind speed for Elbert County.
Per R905.2.4.1 Wind Resistance of Asphalt Shingles.
Asphalt shingles shall be installed in accordance with Section R905.2.6 Shingles classified using ASTM D 3161 are acceptable for use in wind zones less than 110 MPH. Shingles classified using ASTM 3161, Class F, are acceptable for us in all cases where special fastening is required.

Q: Do I have to tear old shingles off if I am installing a metal roof?
A: Overlay of metal roofing (one layer of shingles) is allowed providing the installation is in compliance with the manufacturer's warranty.

Inspection Questions:

Q: What number do I call when I am ready for my building inspection?
A: Please call ALL building inspection requests in on 303-621-3140.

Q: Does the Building inspector require a trip fee if he has to return to do an inspection?
A: Yes, The building inspector can charge a $47.00 trip fee if he has to perform a re-inspection.

Q: Does Elbert County handle plumbing and mechanical inspections?
A: Yes. Your rough plumbing and mechanical are inspected during the rough frame inspection.

Q: Do I have to call the inspector out for a frame inspection and a final inspection on my barn?
A: If the inside of your barn remains unfinished, the inspector can do the frame inspection at the time of the final inspection because he can inspect the frame from inside the barn.

Q: My permit expired, but my project isn't finished. Do I have to obtain a new permit?
A: No. You will need to pay a $150.00 fee, and we will renew your permit for 6 months.