**Building Safety Department Services**

The City of Angola Building Safety Department supports the safety and quality of life for our residents and visitors to the City of Angola through our application and use of the Indiana statewide code of fire safety laws and building laws. The permitting and inspection process promotes high quality design standards as well as the conservation, rehabilitation and efficient reuse of existing Class 1 and Class 2 structures in the City of Angola and throughout the State.

Issuance of construction permits and inspection of construction is one way the City of Angola Building Safety Department regulates compliance with the statewide code of fire safety laws and building laws.

Existing Class 1 structures are inspected every year by the City of Angola Fire Marshal. The process is designed to cause all existing Class 1 and Class 2 structures in the City to be safe for occupancy. The safety of occupants is our primary reason for having construction and fire prevention codes.

**Building Construction Permits**

There are many important reasons to obtain required building construction permit(s) and to obtain inspections for your construction project. Your permit allows the City of Angola International Certified Code Officials to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction and to provide for the public health, welfare and safety. By following Indiana statewide code of fire safety laws and building laws and adopted standards, completed construction projects will meet minimum safety standards which will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, and your friends or future owners.

**The City of Angola Site Improvement permit process complements the system of checks and balances resulting in a safe, completed and compliant construction project.**

**Who can I talk to about my construction project?**

The Building Safety Department staff is available to answer questions during our permitting hours. (8: am till 9: am) We can also be reached by Cell phone and email while out of City Hall conducting inspections and investigations.

**Appointments?**

To request a pre-application meeting to assist in preparing your project for submittal is encouraged for all construction projects.

**Phone Calls?**

For questions about specific properties, permits, and general building construction code information, please do not hesitate to contact the staff of the Building Safety Department. If staff is busy assisting other customers, we will ask for the address or parcel id number and basic information, such as existing use or buildings on the property and what your proposed changes would be.

**Walk In**

We are available to during walk-in hours to answer all types of general questions for about 60 minutes with each subject matter expert.

**Who issues building construction permits?**

Building Construction permits are issued by the City of Angola Building Safety Department. In some situations, for example with property that is located in unincorporated areas, it is the county Building Department that is responsible for permitting. Even if your town is incorporated, some Towns have agreements in place that allow the county to issue permits.

**Building Safety Department Services**

Plan Review

Construction Inspections

Fire Prevention Inspections

Energy Code Compliance

Barrier Free / Accessibility Technical Support

Approval of Alternative Methods and/or Materials

Expeditious Permit Processing

Coordination of the Permit Process with Other Departments and Government Agencies to Ensure That the End Product Meets the Needs of the Community

Unsafe Building Inspection

Education

Sexually Oriented Businesses Administration

Land use Enforcement

Nuisance Enforcement

City of Angola Unified Development Enforcement

**When is a building construction permit NOT required?**

Repairs and maintenance of existing construction which do not compromise Structural safety and Repairs and maintenance of existing installed systems, equipment and even replacement of existing systems and equipment with like equipment do not require a Building Construction Permit .