

Safety Codes Permits

Planning and Development Services
Policy M1

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Policy Purpose

To establish the guidelines for managing the County of Grande Prairie’s municipal accreditation under the Safety Codes Act.

Policy Statement

To support the County’s vision that we are “a sustainable, prosperous and safe community”. The County will maintain municipal accreditation under the Safety Codes Act for the administration and delivery of safety code services in the disciplines of Building, Electrical, Gas, and Plumbing.

Definitions

“Quality Management Plan (QMP)” means the adopted plan establishing the terms and conditions of the County’s municipal accreditation under the Safety Codes Act as approved by the Administrator of Alberta’s Safety Codes Council.

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No.1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

Policy Guidelines

1. The County will maintain municipal accreditation in the disciplines of Building, Electrical, Gas, Plumbing (including Private Sewage) under the Safety Codes Act.
2. Holding a municipal accreditation allows the County to:
 - 2.1. Maintain an open line of communication with builders and contractors.
 - 2.2. Respond to homeowner and landowner inquiries and concerns related to safety, the building codes, and standards.
 - 2.3. Reduce building costs and reinvest permit fees back into the County of Grande Prairie.
 - 2.4. Provide a one-stop service for all Development and Safety Code applications.

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- 2.5. Ensure consistency in the application and interpretation of the Safety Codes Act and Codes.
 - 2.6. Track construction within its jurisdiction.
3. The CAO/County Manager is the employee responsible for the administration of the QMP.

References

Legal Authorities	Safety Codes Act
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	Policy B1 – Policy Development County of Grande Prairie – Quality Management Plan Schedule of Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw
Other	N/A

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