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“The goal of the Minnesota Building Permits Technicians Association is to provide, promote, and support education, networking, professionalism, certification, and recognition of its membership.”

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Independent Contractor Exemption Certificate (ICEC)

A law enacted in 2012 replaces the Independent Contractor Exemption Certificate (ICEC) program with a simplified two-year pilot project for registration of construction contractors.

Already have an ICEC?

Here is how the new contractor registration may affect you (the contractors)?

An individual who seeks to be treated as an independent contractor must either have a current independent contractor exemption certificate (ICEC) or must [register](#) with DLI (or be exempt from registration).

Although the new law repeals some aspects of the ICEC law, your existing ICEC is still valid until its expiration date.

If you currently have an ICEC, you will eventually have to [register](#), but not until your ICEC expires.

Regardless of whether you have an ICEC or you register, you cannot legally be treated as independent contractor unless you also meet the [nine-factor test](#) in existing law.

Failure to register and meet the [nine-factor test](#) will result in your being deemed an employee of the contractor for whom you are providing construction services.

See the nine-factor test on page 8. <http://www.doli.state.mn.us/>



Thank you Andy Schreder!

MBPTA appreciates your dedication, enthusiasm and time in educating our members regarding framing and insulation inspections. ~ MBPTA ~



Message from your President...



Hi all!

Can you believe that our last 'normal' meeting is coming up next Tuesday the 25th? After the meeting, Jeremiah Anderson (Mounds View's housing & code enforcement official) and Steve Thorp (Mounds View's Building Official) will be covering the last of our series on home inspections – the building final. Coming up next month we've got our Fall Education Seminar (2012 IRC Transition from the 2006 IRC) on October 25th in Minnetonka and finally, our Annual Business Meeting on November 27th in Otsego.

Speaking of our ABM, Katie Schlundt has announced she will not be running for treasurer in 2013. While I am sad to see her service end, I want to thank her for stepping up. Katie, I know you were hesitant to take on the treasurer position but I am so glad you went for it!! You did a fantastic job and you should be proud of yourself for jumping in. Members, I know it's not for a couple of months yet but please consider running for this treasurer position... or for that matter, any of the officer positions. Talk to an officer if you'd like to run but are hesitant because you're unfamiliar with the duties. We will be there to answer questions and help you accomplish your tasks.

-See you September 25th in Mounds View!!

Barb Williams



Annual MBPTA membership dues vary by size and type of your City and/or organization. Memberships start as low as \$50 per year. The 2012 Membership Application can be found at: WWW.MBPTA.ORG

Benefits of Membership Include:

- Quality Education and Training Opportunities
- Discounts on Seminar Rates
- Wide Variety of Networking Opportunities

Mail your completed membership form and check to:
Katie Schlundt
City of Roseville
2660 Civic Center Dr
Roseville, MN 55113

Make checks payable to:
MBPTA

Regular Meetings typically include a business meeting, an educational/informational component, and refreshments.

MBPTA Members: The meeting fee is included in the annual membership dues.

Guests are welcome to attend: \$20.00 at the door.

Please RSVP.



RSVP Gail Keykal at
gkeykal@ci.new-hope.mn.us

if you are
attending the
September 25th
meeting in
Mounds View.



**MBPTA
meetings are
the LAST
Tuesday of
every other
month at
9:30 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2012
City of Mounds View at 9:30 a.m.**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Members, Guests & Officers
3. Approval of Minutes: July 31, 2012 (New Hope)
4. Approval of Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Education Committee
 - b. Communications Committee - Barb Williams
- May Vang
 - c. Membership Committee - Megan Bonnema
6. General Business
 - a. ICC ABM in Portland (National Permit Tech Booth)
- Barb Williams
 - b. Fall Seminar Update - Michele
 - c. Review Permit Tech Questions
 - d. Open floor for Comments / Questions / Discussions
7. Adjournment

Immediately after the regular meeting Jeremiah Anderson and Steve Thorp from the City of Mounds View will give a presentation regarding final inspections.

MBPTA NEWS & UPDATES

2012 MBPTA MEETINGS:

- ◆ September 25 - Mounds View
- ◆ **October 25 - Fall Education Day**
Minnetonka Community Center
(see attached flyer & application for details)
- ◆ November 27 - Otsego

Visit www.mbpta.org

Things you can find when visiting:

- ◆ Exam Details and Fees
- ◆ How to Become a Certified Permit Tech
- ◆ MBPTA's Lending Library
- ◆ MBPTA 2012 Event Calendar

Thank you Barb Williams for
maintaining the Website!



Annual Fall Education Day

When: Thursday, October 25, 2012
8:00 AM Registration
8:30 AM Seminar Starts

Where: Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

By: 10/10/2012 After: 10/10/12
Cost: MBPTA Members: \$75.00 * \$95.00 *
Non-Members: \$85.00 * \$95.00 *
**(all prices include: refreshments, lunch
and Seminar materials)*

What: 2012 IRC Transition from the 2006 IRC
Presented by Roger Axel, CBO

**Continuing Education: MN Dept of Labor &
Industry Approved for 7 hours.**

**Registration form and details are on the
flyer attached to this newsletter.**



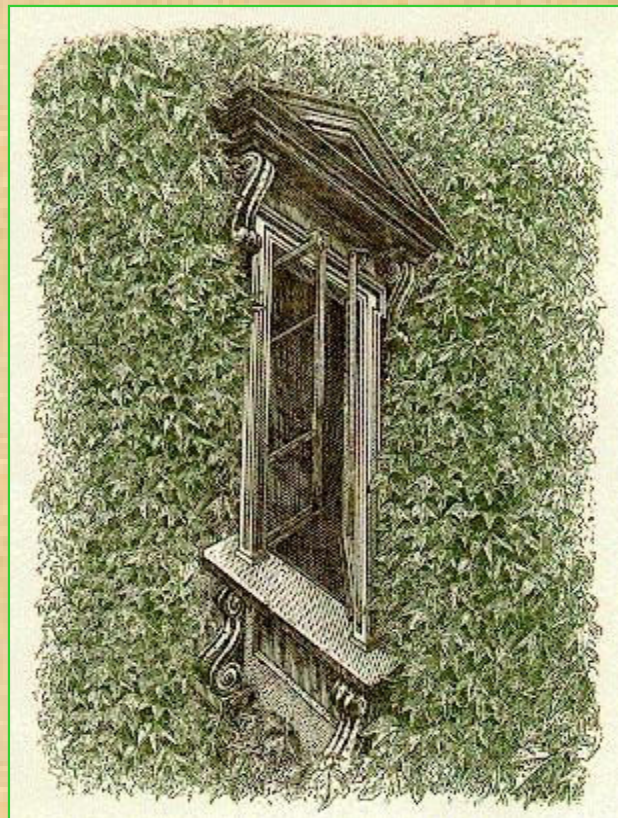
October 21 - 28, 2012
Portland, Oregon

ICC's 10th Annual Code Conference,
Oregon Convention Center.

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS & PICTURES



DO YOU SEE A LANDSCAPE OF FACES? HOW MANY CAN YOU SEE?



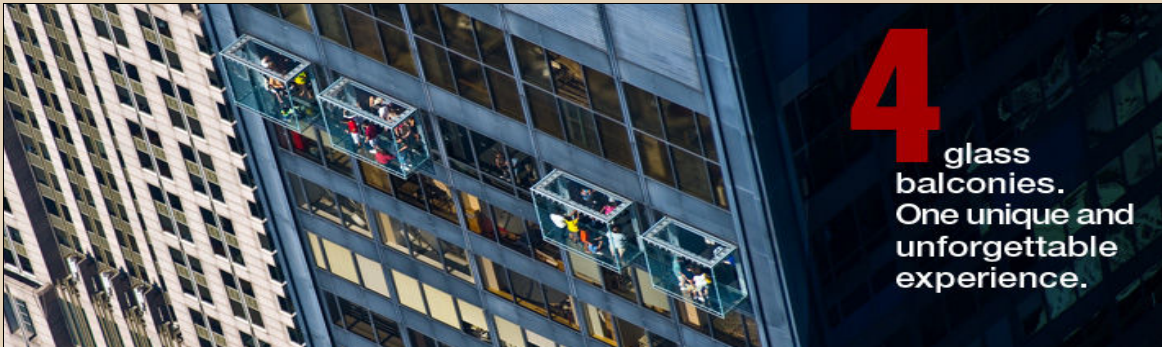
IS THIS WINDOW ON THE
LEFT OF THE BUILDING?

RIGHT OR

<http://www.123opticalillusions.com/pages/opticalillusions8.com>

Fun Facts About the Willis Tower in Chicago, IL

Building Facts:



- The Willis Tower is 1,450 feet (443 meters) high - 1,730 feet (520 meters) including twin antennas towers.
- The Ledge's glass boxes extend out 4.3 feet from the skyscraper's Skydeck on the 103rd floor. Each box weighs 7,500 lbs.
- The Ledge's glass boxes are comprised of three layers of half-inch thick glass laminated into one seamless unit.
- The Ledge's glass boxes have a thin film over the top layer of glass that assures a clear view 1,353 feet straight down!
- The combined weight of the building is 222,500 tons - that's 445,000,000 lbs., 201,849,00 kg, or almost 20,000 city buses!
- The cost of building Willis Tower was in excess of \$150 million.
- Willis Tower opened in 1973 and took 2,000 workers 3 years to build. It took the Ancient Egyptians 20 years to build the pyramids at Giza.
- The building has 4.5 million gross square feet (418,064 gross sq meters) of floor space; or roughly 101 football fields.
- The average sway of the building is approximately 6 inches (152 millimeters) from the true center, but the building is designed to sway up to 3 feet.
- 6 roof-mounted robotic window washing machines clean all 16,100 windows.
- Willis Tower elevators operate as fast as 1,600 feet (488 meters) per minute—among the fastest in the world.
- Willis Tower contains 43,000 miles (69,200 kilometers) of telephone cable runs through the building - enough to stretch across the continental United States 15 times!
- The Ledge has what is called "heat tracing" to melt snow off the glass.
- One a clear day, you can see four state - Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Visibility from Skydeck is approximately 40-50 miles (65-80 kilometers).

<http://www.theskydeck.com/for-kids/fun-facts>

PERMIT TECH QUESTIONS

9-25-12

The following questions refer to IBC Sections 105 - 107

1. An application for permit shall be considered abandoned _____ days after filing, unless the application has been pursued in good faith or a permit has been issued.
 - A. 60
 - B. 90
 - C. 180
 - D. 365

2. Which one of the following types of work is specifically allowed to be covered under an annual permit?
 - A. Nonstructural alterations
 - B. Alteration to an already approved mechanical installation
 - C. Relocation of interior walls or partitions
 - D. Expansion of automatic fire sprinkler system

3. If no work has commenced on an approved permit, it shall expire after _____ days.
 - A. 90
 - B. 120
 - C. 180
 - D. 365

4. Which of the following types of work does *not* require a building permit?
 - A. Driveway located 4 feet above adjacent grade
 - B. 7-foot-high solid masonry fence
 - C. 3-foot-high retaining wall supporting a surcharge
 - D. 180-square-foot one-story detached accessory building

5. The _____ shall keep a detailed record of alterations made under an annual permit?
 - A. Fire marshal
 - B. Municipal clerk
 - C. Building official
 - D. Permit holder

What are the nine statutory conditions to be an independent contractor?

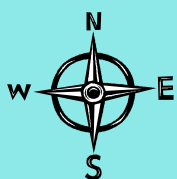
An individual who performs public- or private-sector commercial building construction or improvement services in Minnesota on or after Sept. 15, 2012, is an independent contractor only if he or she is registered (or exempt) and meets **all** of the following requirements:

1. Maintains a separate business with the individual's own office, equipment, materials, and other facilities;
2. Holds or has applied for a federal employer identification number or has filed business or self-employment income tax returns with the federal Internal Revenue Service if the individual has performed services in the previous year;
3. Is operating under contract to perform the specific services for the person for specific amounts of money and under which the individual controls the means of performing the services;
4. Is incurring the main expenses related to the services that the individual is performing for the person under the contract;
5. Is responsible for the satisfactory completion of the services that the individual has contracted to perform for the person and is liable for a failure to complete the services;
6. Receives compensation from the person for the services performed under the contract on a commission or per-job or competitive bid basis and not on any other basis;
7. May realize a profit or suffer a loss under the contract to perform services for the person;
8. Has continuing or recurring business liabilities or obligations; and
9. The success or failure of the individual's business depends on the relationship of business receipts to expenditures.

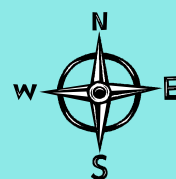
Answers to Permit Tech Questions:

(ANSWERS FROM PAGE 6)

- 1) C. 180
- 2) B. Alteration to an already approved mechanical installation
- 3) C. 180
- 4) A. Driveway located 4 feet above adjacent grade
- 5) D. Permit holder



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Mounds View, MN 55112
763-717-4000



From the north: Take 35W south, exit onto County Road H and proceed west (turn right) then turn right onto County Road 10, proceed one mile, turn right at Edgewood Drive signal.

From the northwest: Take Highway 10 southeast to Highway 65, proceed south on Highway 65, exit onto County Road 10 travelling southeast, turn left at Edgewood Drive signal.

From the west: Travel east on 694, exit onto 35W north, exit onto County Road 10 (first exit beyond Highway 96), proceed northwest on County Road 10, turn right at Edgewood Drive signal.

From the east: Travel west on 694, exit onto Highway 10, proceed into Mounds View via County Road 10 (crossing over 35W) and turn right at Edgewood Drive signal.