CITY OF MCHENRY
WINDOW & DOOR
REPLACEMENT HANDOUT

The City of McHenry requires that a permit be obtained prior to the installation of Window & Doors. Please note the information in this handout is intended to be general in nature and is not a substitute for applicable City codes or ordinances. Permit applications available at the Municipal Center or online at www.CityofMcHenry.org

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- All window replacements to be in accordance with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, with Illinois Amendments.
- U-factor must be .30 or less for windows and sliding doors.
- All habitable rooms shall have a minimum of 8% natural light and 4% natural ventilation.
- Windows shall be properly flashed and insulated according to window installation instructions.
- Basements with habitable space and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue window or exterior door opening for emergency escape and rescue.
- Escape window maximum sill height 44-inches above finished floor.
- Escape window openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7-sq/ft. Grade floor escape window openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5-sq/ft.
- Escape window minimum clear opening height 24-inches and a minimum clear opening width 20-inches.
- Tempered glass shall be required for locations such as glazed openings in fixed and operable panels of swinging, sliding, and bifold doors, areas within 24-inches of a door, in enclosures for or walls facing bathtubs and showers, and any other area designated as a hazardous location in accordance with the 2015 IRC.
- No change to the rough opening of the windows.
- Window specs shall be on site for inspection.
- Stickers to remain on windows until inspection completed.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT:

1) Completed building permit application.
2) Manufactures specification information on the windows showing U-Factors or doors.
3) Drawing/sketch showing locations of windows or doors being changed.

PERMIT FEE: due at issuance of permit. Fee in accordance with fee schedule.

INSPECTIONS:

1) In-Progress

Inspections will be scheduled for Monday through Friday, AM or PM basis, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm only. All inspections must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.

To schedule an inspection, call (815) 363-2170
Please have the permit number and property address

Should have any questions or concerns, City Inspectors are usually in the office from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

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