

NOTICE

Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC)

The new Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) goes into effect in Farmington on July 1, 2012. After this date, all residential and commercial building construction done within Farmington must meet this Code. To certify compliance with MUBEC, the owners of all such projects must retain the services of a third-party inspector (TPI).

The Town of Farmington will not issue Certificates of Occupancy under 25 M.R.S.A. §2357 to any residential or commercial project that began construction after July 1, 2012 and which has not furnished documentation of third-party confirmation of MUBEC compliance to the Code Office.

The Town maintains a reference copy of the MUBEC, as well as a list of third-party inspectors, at the Code Office in the Municipal Building at 153 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington, Maine (207-778-5874). The third-party inspector list may also be found at: www.maine.gov/spo/ceo/documents/TPI_list.pdf.

Most building supply businesses, contractors, architects, and engineers are knowledgeable in MUBEC, and property owners undertaking building construction should require MUBEC-compliant materials and designs when specifying projects. Many contractors, architects, and engineers are also certified as MUBEC third-party inspectors.

Questions regarding MUBEC should be directed towards Richard McCarthy at 207-626-3886 (Fax: 207-287-6251) or Richard.mccarthy@maine.gov. There are certain exemptions from MUBEC such as buildings that are deemed experimental. Without the ability to be MUBEC-certified, such experimental construction will most likely not be able to be financed by a commercial lending entity or to be insured by a commercial carrier.