



Memo

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Ed Andrews, Public Works Director
DATE: May 4, 2018
SUBJECT: Discussion of Fire Protection Drawings Submittal Requirement
at time of Building Permitting

Recent commercial building projects have had varying degrees of coordination between the plumbing subcontractor and sprinkler protection. This appears to be mainly attributable to the City's allowance for fire protection drawings to be submitted during the course of construction (before a final certificate of occupancy) rather at time of permitting.

While this allowance may have been successful in the past, at least three commercial projects within the last year have had coordination issues, potentially resulting in rework due to work on the project not having complete drawings.

While drawing submittals are not directly defined under ILCS, the requirement to identify the contractor is:

(225 ILCS 317/32)

Sec. 32. Application for building permit; identity theft. A person who knowingly, in the course of applying for a building permit with a unit of local government, provides the license number of a fire sprinkler contractor whom he or she does not intend to have perform the work on the fire sprinkler portion of the project commits identity theft under paragraph (8) of subsection (a) of Section 16-30 of the Criminal Code of 2012.

We believe that requiring the fire protection contractor to be more engaged at the start of a project will reduced contracted inspections and reviews.