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McKinney Building Inspections Department earns national accreditation

McKinney is one of three cities in Texas with accreditation

McKinney, Texas (July 12, 2016) – The City of McKinney Building Inspections Department has earned national accreditation by the International Accreditation Service (IAS). Accreditation signifies that the department operates under the highest professional and technical standards and provides a high standard of public safety and services to the community. McKinney joins 23 other cities in the United States with this accreditation and is one of three cities in Texas that is accredited.

“If there was a best practice for submitting information to the IAS evaluation team, McKinney’s submittal would be the model,” said the IAS evaluation team. “It was well organized with direct links to supporting evidentiary documents so that the evaluation team was able to speed through the review with minimal questions for the building department staff.”

The IAS used thirteen criteria accreditation categories to assess the city’s building departments. These included basic jurisdictional information, department staff, permitting, budget, construction codes, plan reviews, professional credentials/licenses, inspections, certificate of occupancies, on-site evaluations, annual reports, reevaluation, and complaints/appeals. Throughout the accreditation process, IAS evaluators rigorously assess critical elements of the building department, such as customer service, code interpretation and enforcement, and fiscal strength.

“The City of McKinney is exceedingly proud of the entire Building Inspections Team for their professionalism and desire to improve day-to-day operations and efficiencies,” said Tom Muehlenbeck, McKinney Interim City Manager. “This accreditation confirms the proficiency and effectiveness of our building department and their commitment to safety and excellence.”

“The IAS accreditation has helped us identify and implement opportunities that drive a high performance organization and encourage professional growth, while raising awareness of building codes and safe building practices,” said Rick Herzberger, Chief Building Official for the city. “Our job tasks and procedures have become much more consistent which strengthens our departmental accountability and improves our quality of customer service. This accreditation would not have been possible without the support and participation from all City of McKinney departments as well as the Mayor and City Council.”

About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. The city is #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America, published by *Money Magazine*. McKinney has a current population of more than 162,000. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city’s website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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