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To: **CONSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
FROM: **BUILDING DIVISION**
SUBJECT: **NEW INSPECTION REQUIREMENT**
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Starting January 1st, 2007, the following two inspections will be required on all applicable 2007 building permits.

Residential Shear Wall Inspection. This is an inspection of elements pertaining to the lateral wall bracing requirements found mainly in chapter six of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code and specific engineering requirements germane to the approved plans. Hold-downs, strapping, nail spacing, and brace panels are some of the items to be field verified by the inspector. In order to verify minimum code compliance, a shear wall inspection must occur prior to covering any elements of the wall bracing system. This could take place at the same time as all relative rough inspections, but if done in this manner the placement of siding would be delayed. We would encourage all builders to request the shear wall inspection much earlier in the building process immediately after all subsiding, hold-down hardware, strapping, and nailing is completed. Once this inspection is approved by the inspector, siding may then be installed.

Residential Dry Wall Inspection. This is an inspection of elements pertaining to dry wall provisions found in various sections of chapters three, six, and seven of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code. It would be important to note that this inspection will take place prior to covering the nails and or screws with dry wall mud and tape products.

If you would like to discuss the new inspection requirements, please call David Kloss, City of Bend, 541-330-4012.