



**TECHNICAL BULLETIN**  
**Planning & Development Services**  
**Building Inspections Division**

**TOPIC: Asbestos Surveys Required Prior to Permit Issuance**

This Technical Bulletin covers the City of Arlington's procedures with respect to proof of asbestos surveys before certain building and/or demolition permits may be issued.

SB 509, 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature established mandates for municipalities to require proof of an asbestos survey before the issuance of certain building permits. For additional information on statutes and laws regarding the asbestos program see this link: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/asbestos/laws-rules.aspx>. The law and rules are binding on the City of Arlington.

The State law requires municipalities to verify that an asbestos survey has been conducted prior to issuing renovation or demolition permits for public or commercial buildings issued on or after January 1, 2002. The definition of "renovation" includes the initial tenant finish out of a shell building. The demolition or renovation of a single residence (four-plex or smaller) does not require an asbestos survey if the property continues to be used as a single residence after the demolition or renovation. The law requires proof of an asbestos survey for the **interior** of commercial or public buildings. However, the federal asbestos law would require a survey for a roofing project.

In lieu of proof of an asbestos survey, the statute provides that an architect or engineer licensed to practice in the State of Texas or an asbestos inspector licensed by the Texas Department of Health may provide certification that the affected parts of the building do not contain asbestos. An example of the certification that may be provided is attached.

Before a building permit for the renovation or demolition of a public or commercial building may be issued, proof of an asbestos survey conducted in accordance with Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules (TAHPR) and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) prior to a renovation/demolition permit must be provided.

{Date}

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RE: Asbestos Survey - {Project Address}

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have reviewed the MSDS sheets for the materials used in the original construction, the subsequent additions, renovations or alterations of all parts of the building affected by the planned renovation or demolition, and any asbestos surveys of the building previously conducted in accordance with the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Act; and, in my professional opinion, all parts of the building affected by the planned addition, renovation or demolition do not contain asbestos.

Signed and Sealed by an

Architect or Engineer licensed to practice in the State of Texas; or,  
by an asbestos inspector licensed by the Texas Department of Health