

- 2. **Toe inspection.** After the natural ground is exposed and prepared to receive fill, but before any fill is placed.
- 3. **Excavation inspection.** After the excavation is started, but before the vertical depth of the excavation exceeds 10 feet.
- 4. **Fill inspection.** After the fill emplacement is started, but before the vertical height of the lifts exceeds 10 feet.
- 5. **Drainage device inspection.** After forms and pipe are in place, but before any concrete is placed.
- 6. **Rough grading.** When all rough grading has been completed. This inspection may be called for at the completion of the rough grading without the necessity of the Department having previously reviewed and approved the reports.
- 7. **Final.** When all work, including installation of all drainage structures and other protective devices, has been completed and the as-graded plan and required reports have been submitted.

The Department shall approve the work inspected or notify the permittee or owner wherein the work fails to comply with the law. Any portion of the work which does not comply with the law shall be corrected.

**108.10 Revised grading plan.** If the inspector finds that the soil or other conditions are not as stated in the application for a grading permit, the inspector may refuse to approve further work until a revised grading plan is obtained which conforms to the existing conditions.

**108.11 Approved fabricators.** The inspections provided for in this section shall not be required for construction or installation work done on the premises of a Type II fabricator to whom an approval has been issued pursuant to the provisions of Division C of Article 6 of Chapter IX of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*.

**108.12 Inspections by certified licensed contractors of work performed on detached single-family dwellings.**

**108.12.1** In lieu of the inspections made by employees of the Department, as specified in Section 108, a certified licensed contractor, employed by the owner, upon notification to the Department prior to the commencement of work, may install, inspect and certify the following work as being performed in compliance with the provisions of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code* for a detached single-family dwelling:

- 1. The replacement of defective water heaters with one of the equivalent gallonage, Btu rating and vent capacity when the vent does not require relocation or replacement.
- 2. The replacement of defective forced-air units with one of equivalent size, Btu rating and vent capacity when the vent does not require relocation or replacement.
- 3. The replacement of defective air-conditioning units with one of equivalent size and Btu rating.
- 4. The replacement of plumbing fixtures and solar panels with equal kind and quality.

- 5. The replacement of defective domestic water piping within a dwelling, with piping of equivalent size and quality when the installation does not exceed 50 feet in length.
- 6. The replacement of defective metallic water service piping with piping of equivalent size, quality and conductivity.
- 7. The removing of existing roofing and the replacement of roofing materials which is in compliance with Part II of Division 15 (FIX in here and Ordinance) and which does not require any alteration to the roof support system.
- 8. The replacement of defective smoke detectors.
- 9. The replacement of shower pans with the same size and capacity.
- 10. The installation or replacement of masonry and concrete fences not exceeding 6 feet (1829 mm) in height.

**108.12.2** The employment of a certified licensed contractor by the owner on any work shall not prohibit the Department from performing inspections of any work described in Section 108.12.1. The called inspections required by Section 108.5 may be delegated to the certified licensed contractor performing the work by the Superintendent of Building.

**108.12.3 Department inspection.** The Department may allow the use of the certification by a certified licensed contractor in lieu of inspections made by employees of the Department provided there is compliance with all of the following:

- 1. The certified licensed contractor has a valid Certificate of Registration obtained in accordance with Section 1705 of this Code.
- 2. The certified licensed contractor has filed with the Department a Certificate of Compliance for each installation.

The Certificate of Compliance shall be on a form provided by the Department and shall be signed by the property owner and the certified licensed contractor. The Department may require that the certified licensed contractor affix a certification label obtained from the Department on certain types of installations to identify the work certified;

The Certificate of Compliance shall describe the work performed and state that the certified licensed contractor warrants, from personal knowledge, that the materials installed and the work performed are in compliance with approved manufacturer's instructions, specifications and applicable requirements of the *Los Angeles Municipal Code*.

For the work described in Items 1, 2 and 3 of Section 108.12.1, the term "**personal knowledge**" as used in the Certificate of Compliance means that the certified licensed contractor has actual personal knowledge of the facts certified to, or knowledge acquired from an employee of the certified licensed contractor, which employee provided continuous