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RE: Manufactured Home Installations

Dear Manufactured Home Owner:

The State of Minnesota Construction Codes and Licensing Division, (CCLD), has been made aware that you have elected to complete, or are considering the completion of, one or more of the following components related to your manufactured home's installation: (1) the support system or the footings/foundation system; (2) the anchoring system; (3) the plumbing system; and/or (4) the mechanical system.

The Minnesota State Building Code, (MSBC), allows an owner of a manufactured home to complete the installation of a support or anchoring system without having to be: licensed as a Minnesota Manufactured Home Installer, see Minnesota Statute, (MS), 326.84, Subd 3, (3); or the installation of the plumbing system without having to be licensed plumber, see MS 326.40; or the mechanical heating system without being bonded as a mechanical contractor.

The support system or footing/foundation, anchoring system, plumbing and mechanical work that an owner completes in the installation of his/her manufactured home must comply with the MSBC as is required in MSBC, Chapter 1350.0400, Subp. 3. MSBC, Chapter 1350.2600 requires every manufactured home be installed according to the manufactured home manufacturer's installation instructions. The language in this section of the MSBC means that every manufactured home located in Minnesota is to be provided with an anchoring system as Minnesota is defined as a Wind Zone I state in the US Department of HUD's Code of Federal Regulations for Manufactured Home Construction, (CFR), 3280.305 (c), (2). The wording in this MSBC section also means that when a home manufacturer's installation manual uses command language requiring frost-protected footings in the support of your home the footings must be constructed and placed accordingly. Examples of command language are footings **shall**, footings **must**, footings **are to be place**, footings are **required to be installed, and others similar in nature**.

Please be advised that failure to install or properly install anchors, or to properly construct footings and to properly place the footings below the frost line, or to properly complete any of the utility systems in a manner prescribed by the manufactured home manufacturer or the State of Minnesota Building Code is a violation of the MSBC and must be provided or corrected prior to the sale, lease, or prior to the offering for sale or lease a manufactured home sited in the State of MN as is outlined in MS 327.31 through MS 327.34. Additionally, violations created in the installation of a new manufactured home may also void any warranties afforded you by the home manufacturer or dealer.

If you have questions regarding this matter or with regard to any installation components that you have elected to complete as the owner/occupant of your manufactured home, please contact the CCLD at 651.284.5068, and ask to speak with a Manufactured Home Building Code Representative.

Respectfully,
CONSTRUCTION CODES AND LICENSING DIVISION



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