

Office memorandum



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Over the past 12 years the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has required a completed Building Official Review Form to be included with the installation permit for a platform lift. This triggers a preliminary site visit by a Local Code Official or a Regional Building Inspector from DLI to review general building and accessibility code issues. DLI will no longer send a Regional Building Inspector to perform this function in non-code areas of the state.

Regardless of whether or not the installation resides in a non-code area or an area that has adopted the State Building Code, the equipment and its incorporation into the structure is still required to meet all elements of the State Building Code. Municipal code officials will still be responsible to identify structural concerns with the installation and assure that the area of installation will meet all accessibility requirements for the platform lift. If structural changes are made to the building in order to accommodate the equipment, it is essential that they are addressed by properly licensed structural personnel. In areas that have not adopted the code, "Municipalities" are still responsible to enforce the accessibility code as required by Minnesota State Statute 326B.16. Therefore you will need to contact the local jurisdiction to comply with their requirements for accessibility code review.

Obtaining permits and inspections of all elevator related devices is required statewide regardless of local adoption of the State Building Code. DLI Elevator Inspectors will continue to inspect the devices to the applicable ASME Safety Standard which may include documentation from a licensed structural engineer or architect.

Please keep in mind that the elevator inspectors are responsible for the installation itself and not the structural or accessibility elements of the building. For those questions it is recommended that you seek the advice of properly qualified personnel.