



CITY OF BELVEDERE

Policy on Elevators

A building permit from the City is required to alter, repair or install residential elevators or “hill-a-vators” (inclined elevators.) Elevators that serve more than one residential dwelling unit and all commercial occupancy elevators and are permitted and inspected by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations

In order to be approved, elevator permit applications must contain a written statement from the manufacturer that the unit complies with the current edition of the Elevator Safety Code published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) A17.1. Working drawings will be required along with a design for anchorage of tracks to the building, details of the one-hour shaft, doors, machine room and electrical.

The units must be installed by a California-licensed C-11 Elevator Contractor.

The installation must be inspected and approved by a Qualified Elevator Inspector (QEI) certified by the National Association of Elevator Safety Authorities. The inspector must be hired by the owner or architect/engineer and be approved beforehand by the building official. Firms that have QEI certified elevator inspectors on their payroll are:

- A) Access Disability Advisors, Inc.
P.O. Box 531
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
(925) 939-8952
- B) Syska & Hennessy, Inc.
425 California Street, Suite 1250
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 288-9060
- C) Lerch, Bates, Inc.
1368 Street, Suite 201
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 931-4018

Annual safety inspections are not required, but are strongly recommended every five years and whenever the property is sold.