Commercial and Residential Housing Codes and Inspections

The City of Carbondale’s Building & Neighborhood Services Division conducts inspections on all commercial and residential construction and renovation to ensure that life, health, and safety measures have been met. Building codes adopted by the City are the 1996 BOCA National Building Code, 1996 National Electrical Code, 1993 Illinois State Plumbing Code, 1996 BOCA National Mechanical Code and the 1995 C.A.B.O. One & Two Family Dwelling Code. All building, plumbing, and electrical work performed within the City limits requires a permit be obtained. Periodically during the construction process, inspections will be performed by the Building Inspector to ensure compliance with the building codes.

Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program

The City of Carbondale also adopted the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program which required rental property owners to register and provide access to rental dwelling units for inspection by City staff once every three years. The inspections are performed to ensure compliance with the building codes. If these structures are not "up to Code", a "Notice of Violation" is issued to the property owner requesting compliance within a specified period of time. If corrections have not been made within the designated period of time or an extension has not been granted, a citation may be issued for noncompliance with City Code.