

NOTICE

The City of Hull, Georgia has adopted provisions for the enforcement of the State of Georgia minimum standard Codes for building and construction. Personnel employed by the City of Hull, Georgia who perform inspections for compliance with said minimum construction codes are not "Qualified inspector"(s) (see Addendum) as defined by Georgia law, O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26.1. The City of Hull does not employ "qualified inspectors" for enforcement of the following minimum building and construction codes:

(I) International Building Code (ICC);

(II) National Electrical Code (NFPA);

(III) International Fuel Gas Code (ICC);

(IV) International Mechanical Code (ICC);

(V) International Plumbing Code (ICC);

(VI) International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (ICC);

(VII) International Energy Conservation Code (ICC);

(VIII) International Fire Code (ICC)

(see Addendum)

Any person, firm or corporation engaged in a construction project which requires inspection shall have the option of retaining, at its own expense, a person who is a Qualified inspector, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26.1, of the minimum code or portion of the minimum code at issue and who is not an employee of or otherwise affiliated with or financially interested in such person, firm or corporation to provide the required inspection.

The person, firm, or corporation retaining a qualified inspector to conduct an inspection pursuant to this Notice and Code section shall be required to pay to the City of Hull the same permit fees and charges which would have been required had the inspection been conducted by a municipal inspector.

A qualified inspector retained pursuant to this notice and O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26.1 section shall be empowered to perform any inspection required by the City of Hull, including but not limited to inspections for footings, foundations, concrete slabs, framing, electrical, plumbing, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), or any and all other inspections necessary or required for the issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the City; provided, however, that the qualified inspector must possess the qualifications described in O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26.1 (a) (2) for the particular type of inspection. Any inspection conducted pursuant to this paragraph of this Notice shall be no less extensive than an inspection conducted by a City of Hull building inspector.

Upon submission by the qualified inspector of a copy of his or her inspection report to the City of Hull, the City shall be required to accept the inspection of the qualified inspector without the necessity of further inspection or approval by the inspectors or other personnel employed by the City unless the City has notified the qualified inspector, within two business days after the submission of the inspection report, that it finds the report incomplete or the inspection inadequate and has provided the qualified inspector with a written description of the deficiencies and specific code requirements that have not been adequately addressed.

The City of Hull, Georgia currently requires inspection by a “qualified inspector” for electrical and gas construction/installations.

ADDENDUM
O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26.1(a) (2)
QUALIFIED INSPECTOR DEFINITION

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(2) "Qualified inspector" means:

(A) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Building Code or the building portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a building inspector;

(B) A person inspecting for the compliance of residential buildings with the National Electrical Code or the electrical portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a residential electrical inspector or an electrical contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board;

(C) A person inspecting for the compliance of nonresidential buildings with the National Electrical Code who holds a certification from the ICC as a commercial electrical inspector or an electrical contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board;

(D) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Fuel Gas Code who holds a certification from the ICC as a mechanical inspector or plumbing inspector or a conditioned air contractor, journeyman plumber, or master plumber license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board;

(E) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Mechanical Code or the mechanical portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a mechanical inspector or a conditioned air contractor license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board;

(F) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Plumbing Code or the plumbing portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a plumbing inspector or a journeyman plumber or master plumber license from the State Construction Industry Licensing Board;

(G) A person inspecting for compliance with any portion of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings who holds a certification from the ICC as a one- and two-family dwelling inspector;

(H) A person inspecting for compliance with the International Energy Conservation Code for Buildings who has completed eight hours of training that is conducted or approved by the department; or

(I) A person inspecting for compliance with any of the codes listed in subparagraphs (A) through (H) of this paragraph who holds:

(i) A certificate of registration as a professional engineer issued under Chapter 15 of Title 43 and is practicing within the scope of his or her branch of engineering expertise while conducting such inspection;

(ii) A level II, III, IV, or V certification from the Building Officials Association of Georgia, provided that such levels of certification require work experience and an examination by the ICC or a testing agency approved by the Building Officials Association of Georgia; or

(iii) A level II, III, IV, or V certification from the Building Officials Association of Georgia on July 1, 2015.