



Damaged Structures
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Policy No. 270

PURPOSE: To establish a policy regarding structures having been damaged by fire, flood, earthquake, strong winds or by other disastrous events.

POLICY: Structures where damage has occurred will be inspected by the Building and Safety Division after the contractor/owner obtains a special inspection permit. The special inspection is a two hour minimum permit and will be performed after the property and structure have been cleaned of all debris. The special inspection will list requirements of the Building and Safety Division. In some cases, the Building and Safety Division will perform two (2) inspections before rehabilitation starts. The second inspection is performed after the wall coverings are removed.

Damaged masonry, concrete structures and commercial structures shall have a California licensed structural engineer inspect the damage and prepare an evaluation report stating:

- If, and how, the structure needs to be temporarily supported during the removal and cleanup/repair of the damaged areas.
- Provide plans, with structural calculations for the reconstruction of the structure, including all items noted in the special inspection.

In fire damaged structures:

- All interior and exterior smoke damaged areas will be required to be sealed with a sealer primer to eliminate the smoke smell and staining.
- Buildings with central heat and air conditioning units will be required to either have the appliance units and duct supply lines cleaned or replaced.

The special inspection or design professional's report may be waived when it is determined by the Building Official the damage is of a minor nature.

ANALYSIS: This policy is consistent with past practices in the City of Highland and is compliant with the California Building Code.

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Reference Code & Section: