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Dear Foundation Repair Contractor:

Since 2002, the City of Mesquite Building Inspection Division **has chosen not** to inspect foundation repairs. Various repair designs on the market today made this change in our inspection procedures necessary. The 2003 International Residential Code, Section R104.4, states, "Building Official shall have the authority to accept reports of inspections by approved agencies or individuals." We are continuing that policy, which is:

- **All foundation repairs are to be conducted by a State of Texas Licensed Engineer. Results of the inspection are to be either mailed to the City of Mesquite, Building Inspection Division, 1515 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149 or faxed to 972.216.6464.**
- **We will "final" your permit once we receive the Engineer's letter that approves the repairs.**

Our permitting process remains the same:

- All foundation repair work within the City of Mesquite **requires a permit**. Anyone doing work without the required permit will be asked to stop work until the proper permit is obtained at a double fee and are subject to a citation to appear before the Municipal Court.
- A permit must be **issued and paid for** before any work is started.
- Permit submittal information consists of the building permit application, one original Engineer sealed design and two sealed design copies.

We believe this policy change has been beneficial to both your company and the City of Mesquite. We trust you will continue to abide by these inspection requirements.

Sincerely,



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Building Official

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