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NEWS FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTORS

City of Winston-Salem

The following information is provided from the Building Inspection Department of the City of Winston-Salem.

Information and questions from builders:

We are running into a problem with the finish height of the rise on steps. When we do a rough inspection on the steps we cannot tell what the finish on the treads will be. So, it is up to the builder to get the rise and run correctly.

Check the stair tread and risers section of the Residential Code. The Maximum rise height shall be 8-¹/₄". The riser shall be measured vertically between the leading edges of the adjacent treads. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8". The top and bottom riser of the interior stairs shall not exceed the smallest riser within the stair run by more than 3/4". The height of the top and bottom riser of the interior stairs shall be measured from the PERMANENT FINISHED SURFACE (carpet excluded). The most important information is that we check this after the permanent finished surface is installed (on the final inspection and not the rough).

I would like to hear from you on any comments you have or concerns. Items you wish to discuss, please email me and we will respond to your questions and also we will include it each month.

Please send any comments to olinwm@cityofws.org. We would like to hear from you.

Thanks,
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