



News from the **Building Inspectors**

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The following information is provided from the Building Department of the Inspection Division: Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

This month letter is for **Commercial** work and any **Residential** job using steel studs. The metal studs that we use are required by the North Carolina building code to have Identification markings on all studs.

When you go to Chapter 25 in the code book, look under TABLE 2506.2 for Gypsum Board Materials and TABLE 2507.2 for Lath, Plaster Materials. These charts send us to ASTM Standards which are ASTM C 955 for load bearing and ASTM C 645 for non-load bearing studs. These standards will require that all studs have the following information:

Marking and Identifications:

Group of like members shall be marked with a label, or a tag attached thereto. Markings shall include length, quantity and roll formers members designator including member depth, flange size, and minimum steel thickness in mils or inches, exclusive of protection coating. In addition to the marking the member shall have a legible label, stencil, or embossment, at a maximum distance of 48" on center, on the web of the member. Please read ASTM C-955 and ASTM 645 for all the marking requirements.

This is the responsibility of the metal stud manufacture to have this information on the stud.

I would like to hear from you on any comment you have or concerns. Items you would like to discuss, please e-mail 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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