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Repair contractors must be registered with Little Elm *Volatile weather may mean large repairs more likely*

LITTLE ELM (May 12, 2015) Homeowners needing substantial repairs to their residences should make contacting the Town's Building Safety Office the first step in the process, says Dusty McAfee, the Town's Community Services Manager.

"When that happens, it triggers several actions," he said. "First, if the repairs are such that a contractor is needed, we can advise the homeowner on the status of their selected contractor's registration. Secondly, if the project is a do-it-yourself one, we can determine whether or not a permit is required."

Unstable weather like the Town has been experiencing means that wind, rain and hail can cause significant damage to homes and businesses in the area.

General contractors wishing to do work in Little Elm are required to submit the following information to the Town: a completed contractor registration application supplied by the Town; a valid driver's license or photo ID of the contractor or a responsible officer of the company that employs the contractor; proof that the contractor or the contractor's employer maintains liability insurance in a specified minimum amount; and any other information deemed necessary by the Building Safety Office.

"Making use of the Town's staff as a resource is a smart move, because we can help insure that contractors are registered with the Town, the appropriate permits are obtained and that inspections are being completed of the work performed," he added.

The registration requirements generally apply to all contractors including roofing companies, fence repair firms and other construction or remodeling companies, regardless of their size. Registration with Little Elm ensures that contractors have met the minimum standards of quality and reliability.

"In addition to contractor registration, most major repairs require that the homeowner or contractor obtain a permit," added McAfee. "As an example, replacing a malfunctioning electrical outlet does not require a permit, but rewiring the house to add additional outlets does."

The Building Safety Office is located at 100 West Eldorado Parkway. Information may be obtained by phone at 214-975-0456 or via e-mail at permits@littleelm.org.

Additionally, individuals going door-to-door representing contractors must wear the distinctive ID card issued by the Building Safety Office. A lanyard bearing the Town's sailboat logo is also issued with each ID card.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.