

Roles and Responsibilities of Authorities Having Jurisdiction

Authorities having Jurisdiction (AHJ) work collectively to ensure that construction sites, buildings and structures are safe and meet the standards set out by the applicable codes and regulations. Roles and responsibilities involved in the construction process are outlined below:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs

- The Minister has ultimate responsibility for the *Safety Codes Act* (SCA), public safety policy, and the Safety Codes System in Alberta.
- The Minister is accountable to the legislature and public.

Alberta Safety Codes Council is established under the *Safety Codes Act* but exists in its own right and is not an employee or agent of the Minister. The Alberta Safety Codes Council is the provincial organization that:

- Administers the safety codes system and makes recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in regards to public safety.
- Accredits the City to deliver inspection, permitting and enforcement services and regularly audits administration of the Act by the City.
- Trains and certifies safety codes officers employed by the City.

Alberta Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act, regulation and code governs Alberta workplace health and safety of employees, to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

The City is the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for administration and enforcement of the Safety Codes Act, regulations, codes such as the building code, and relevant bylaws

- *Building Safety Codes Officers (SCO's)* administer the Safety Codes Act, Regulations and National Building Code (Alberta Edition).
- *Development Compliance Inspectors* enforce the *Zoning Bylaw* through response, enforcement and investigation of developments suspected of occurring without the proper development permit in place.

- *Bylaw Enforcement Officers (enforce Community Standards Bylaws)* by conducting investigations/inspections of alleged municipal bylaw and/or provincial law violations, issue fines for violations as required and provide public education and information to empower citizens when private to private solutions are necessary.