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Contractors or DIY home projects need City permits *Registration also necessary for contractors*

MURPHY (October 27, 2016) Contractors who provide construction or remodeling services to residents and businesses in Murphy must register with the City and provide proof of liability insurance.

“In addition, most of these projects, whether completed by a contractor or the homeowner, require a permit,” says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager. “The processes for contractor registration and permitting are not complicated and take only a short while. Not doing so, however, can result in negative consequences.”

Contractors wishing to conduct business in Murphy must register annually. Among the requirements for registration are a photo ID, proof of liability insurance, along with copies of state-issued licenses. Only the license holder can represent the applying contractor, and he or she must appear in person.

Permits from the City are required when building, remodeling or enlarging a building and when completing other improvements to a property. Cosmetic projects like painting, wallpapering, carpeting, cabinets, and trim work do not require permits. If electrical or plumbing fixtures are replaced on existing wiring or plumbing, a permit is not required.

“Residents bear the responsibility of ensuring that contractors are registered and that the appropriate permits are obtained,” said McQuiston. “This is for the protection of the consumer, since a contractor who is not registered may be operating without the proper level of insurance or without the necessary licenses. These are red flags that the consumer should always pay attention to.”

The City provides a list of projects for which a permit is required at www.murphytx.org. Questions can be directed to the Customer Service Department at customerservice@murphytx.org or by calling (972) 468-4100.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.