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INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: JATINDER KHOKHAR
FROM: MELINDA BOLLING
DIRECTOR
DATE: June 8, 2016
SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Mausoleums and Permits



Mausoleums of 250 square feet or less do not require a building permit. There is minimal or no public health, safety, and general welfare risk for mausoleums that are 250 square feet or less; therefore, the *code official* has adopted a policy and procedure that a building permit is not required for a mausoleum that meets this requirement.

This determination is consistent with the *code official's* authority pursuant to 12 A D.C. Municipal Regulations (DCMR) §§ 101.2.4¹ and 104.1,² including other authority, to interpret the intent of the *Construction Codes* and to adopt policies and procedures related thereto.

¹ 12 A DCMR §101.2.4 Intent. The purpose of the Building Code is to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare through structural strength, *means of egress* facilities, stability, sanitation, adequate light and ventilation, energy conservation, accessibility, sustainability, and safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment, and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

² 12 A DCMR §104.1 General. The *code official* is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of the Construction Codes. The code official shall have the authority to render interpretations of the Construction Codes and to adopt policies and procedures in order to clarify the application of its provisions.