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MEMORANDUM

TO: Contractors, Developments, and Homeowners
THRU: Marshall Masters, Building Official – Planning and Development
FROM: Bonita Wright, Building Service Coordinator
DATE: November 23, 2021
SUBJECT: Roofing – Drip Edge

Please be advised that the 2018 International Residential Code and the 2018 International Building Code require drip edge. Drip Edge is a point of inspection, the inspection will be failed if the roof installation does not include drip edge.

Detailed below are the relevant code sections in the IRC and IBC:

2018 International Residential Code:

R905.2.8.5 Drip Edge. A drip edge shall be provided at eaves and rake edges of shingle roofs. Adjacent segments of drip edge shall be overlapped not less than 2 inches (51 mm). Drip edges shall extend not less than ¼ inch (6.4 mm) below the roof sheathing and extend up back onto the roof deck not less than 2 inches (51 mm). Drip edges shall be mechanically fastened to the roof deck at not more than 12 inches (305 mm) o.c. with fasteners as specified in Section R905.2.5. *Underlayment* shall be installed over the drip edge along eaves and under the drip edge along rake edges.

2018 International Building Code:

507.2.8.3 Drip edge. A drip edge shall be provided at eaves and rake edges of shingle roofs. Adjacent segments of the drip edge shall be lapped not less than 2 inches (51 mm). The vertical leg of drip edges shall be not less than 1 ½ inches (38 mm) in width and shall extend not less than ¼ inch (6.4 mm) below sheathing. The drip edge shall extend back on the roof not less than 2 inches (51 mm). *Underlayment* shall be installed over drip edges along eaves. Drip edges shall be installed over *underlayment* along rake edges. Drip edges shall be mechanically fastened at intervals not greater than 12 inches (305 mm) on center.

By signature below, I have read and understood the code requirements concerning drip edge.

Signature _____

Date _____