

2026 PIERRE AREA CONTRACTOR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 1:00 – 3:00

**DAKOTA ROOM - RIVER CITY TRANSIT
1600 E. DAKOTA AVE**

Welcome and introductions.

- Introduce presenters.

Local Code Officials and Inspectors:

- Permitting and inspection for Hughes County
- Permitting and inspection for Ft. Pierre/Stanley County
- State Electrical Commission and Plumbing Commission updates and notices

Permitting & Licensing: *Matt Elbersen, Building Official; Lacey Walx, Finance Officer*

- Contractor licensing update - renewal dates
- Building permit applications required for ALL permits
- Permit and contractor licensing applications are available on the city website

Utilities:

Electric: *Devin Harris, Electric Department Superintendent*

Water: *Robert Townley, Water Department Superintendent*

Landfill: *Val Keller, Landfill Superintendent*

Right-of-Way: *Scott Schweitzer, Staff Engineer; Josh Bible, Construction & Operations Manager; Dmitri Mutchelknaus, Senior Engineering Tech*

- Changes to PROWAG - the federal requirements for accessibility in the right-of-way
- ROW permits, sidewalk, curb & gutter, approaches, ADA requirements, street cut fees
- ROW occupation, dumpsters, construction materials, vehicles & trailers, street closures
- Subgrade compaction and warranty
- Trench and excavation safety.
- Traffic control while working within city streets, or other city rights-of-way.

Civil Engineering and Site Work: *Nick Waters, City Engineer; Scott Schweitzer, Staff Engineer*

- Storm Drainage
- Grading and sitework
- Professional Engineering

Planning & Zoning: *Emeline Post, City Planner; Matt Elbersen, Building Official*

- General zoning requirements: principal use, conditional use, accessory use.
- Requests to change zoning
- Requirements for platting
- Floodplain
- Variances - what is a hardship?
- Garages and revisions to garage ordinance

Building Code and Buildings: *Matt Elbersen, Building Official*

- Update on adoption of 2024 I-Codes and City Amendments
- ADA standards and minimum clearances
- Submittal of stamped drawings of engineered trusses including girder truss/headers
- Smoke and CO detectors

- Egress windows in existing residential buildings (R-2 and R-3)
- Proposed pole-frame construction guide for *residential* accessory buildings

Conclusion and open discussion: *City Staff*

- When are inspections required. Obligation to call for inspection *prior* to covering work.
- Licensed land surveyor required for locating and marking lot corners
- 811 requests for utility locates *prior* to beginning any work in the ground, including landscaping.
- Questions and discussion for any subject that may not have been addressed during the main presentation.

Your attendance at the City of Pierre Spring Contractor meeting is appreciated.

The City of Pierre holds these spring contractor meetings for the purpose of presenting information that it considers valuable to the various contractors, developers and designers that conduct business within the jurisdiction and adjacent jurisdictions to the Pierre and Ft. Pierre area.

Residential contractors may use the City of Pierre contractor meeting to fulfill the license renewal requirement for continuing education. The information provided at the spring contractor meeting will help to keep the various building trades aware of certain current and recent changes to codes and ordinances that affect the building permit process, inspections and requirements for current and future projects. All local and nearby contractors are encouraged to attend the spring contractor meetings so that they can stay aware of their responsibilities and those of the City of Pierre and adjacent jurisdictions.

For questions or concerns, here is contact information for City of Pierre staff:

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