

10. Appendix - Glossary of Terms

Accreditation

The process used by the Safety Codes Council to authorize municipalities, regional services commissions, corporations and agencies to administer and deliver services under the *Safety Codes Act*

Administrators

Individuals who are appointed by the Minister to administer the *Safety Codes Act* (Act) and provide expertise and advice to the Minister and the Safety Codes Council. Technical Administrators are safety codes officers. They differ from other Administrators in that they have the sole authority to issue province-wide variances, and they represent Alberta's interests on national code development committees. Other Administrators have non-technical responsibilities which include administering registries or training programs

Discipline

A field of technical specialization relating to construction or mechanical trade(s) or code(s). The nine disciplines are: building; electrical; fire; gas; elevators; amusement rides; passenger ropeways; boilers and pressure vessels; and plumbing (which includes private sewage disposal systems)

Legislation

Means act or regulation. Where it is clearly intended that something be addressed in the *Safety Codes Act*, it will say "the Act"

Levy

A percentage of a permit fee assessed by the Safety Codes Council on all permits issued by accredited municipalities and agencies

Municipality

Includes a City, Town, Village, Summer Village, Municipal District, Specialized Municipality, Regional Services Commissions and Métis Settlement

Safety System

The framework of regulations and technical codes and standards established under the *Safety Codes Act* for the promotion and enforcement of Alberta's construction codes and standards, and the network of partners who support administration of the Act

Safety Codes Officer

An individual who has been trained and certified by the Safety Codes Council to administer parts of the *Safety Codes Act* in one or more technical disciplines

Permit

An authorization to sell, construct, control, supervise, undertake or operate any thing, process or activity as required under the *Safety Codes Act*

Private Sewage Disposal System

A system for the treatment and disposal of sewage, including a septic tank and absorption field, that is not connected to a municipal sewage disposal system

Quality Management Plan

A plan that is required as a condition of the accreditation process to set out how an accredited municipality, corporation or agency will administer the *Safety Codes Act*

Standata

Is an information system designed to provide subscribers with interpretations, guidelines, recommended practices, etc., on legislation and the assorted codes and standards under the *Safety Codes Act* that have been issued by Administrators

Variance

A tool that Administrators or safety codes officers (SCOs) can use to approve construction, equipment, or processes that do not meet the prescriptive requirements of codes and standards but do provide for equal or greater safety