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Ref: permits required for garage door installations.

Dear contractor and homeowner,

The 2007 MN State Building Code requires that garage doors installed in Minnesota must be designed and installed to resist 90 mile per hour winds. Due to these regulations the City of Owatonna will now require building permits for the installation of residential and commercial garage doors. The door is now required to be a labeled door indicating compliance with the 90 mile per hour wind speed requirement. The installations will require a final inspection to verify the installation is per building code and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Please take a moment to obtain a building permit and schedule a final inspection for the completed installation. At the time of inspection a copy of the manufacturer's installation instructions will need to be provided to the inspector. These instructions typically come in the bag of parts needed to assemble the garage door.

In addition, please be advised that these installations typically require the door to include locking devices which when locked into place will complete the designed wind resistance. Under normal circumstances these locking devices are not engaged and the homeowner should be advised that if weather is predicted to include high winds these locking devices need to be in place. As an alternate, there are electronic locking devices manufactured for use with some garage door opening systems that will engage electronic deadbolts upon closing the garage door. Please research these options if applicable to your situation.

Thank you for your cooperation in these installations. Should you have any questions or need to schedule inspections, please contact the Building Inspection Division at 507-444-4370

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