

## FRAMING CERTIFICATE

*Unless otherwise indicated, word and phrases used in this document have the same meanings as in The Technical Codes Schedule of the Code of Ordinances ("Foundation Ordinance") of the City of West University Place, Texas ("City").*

**Subject:** New structural frame built at the site described below ("New Structural Frame")

**Address of site:**

**Legal description of the site:**

**Building Permit No:**

**Permittee:**

**CERTIFICATION:** By signing below, I certify as follows (*check applicable sections*):

- I am an "RLPE" as defined in the Structural Framing Ordinance. ["RLPE" means a registered or licensed professional engineer of the State of Texas who is: (1) listed with the State Board of Professional Engineers in the structural branch of engineering; (2) employed by a registered engineering firm of the State of Texas; and (3) (unless waived by the BSC), covered by professional errors and omissions insurance that: (i) has limits of at least \$500,000 per claim (and at least \$1,000,000 per year, aggregate) and (ii) has effective dates—including any retroactive coverage date—that include the entire period when the person provides services or takes actions regulated by this section.]
- Observations of the New Structural Frame:
- were performed either by me or by one or more persons under my direct supervision and control whose professional qualifications were approved by me;
  - included actual observations of structural elements and attachments in crawl spaces before they are covered by floors or other materials.
  - include actual observations of each beam, joist, rafter, truss and similar element, including each related weld and high-strength bolt:
    - a) after all required plumbing, electrical and mechanical "rough-in" inspections have been passed and all expected notching, boring, and similar work has been done, and
    - b) before the item is covered.
  - were documented in a form and manner approved by the building official of the City.
- Referring to and based upon the professional observations described above, the New Structural Frame complies with the plans and specifications last approved by the building official (with any field changes that were ordered by me and reported to the building official and that comply with applicable regulations). This is based upon my professional opinion and does not constitute a guarantee or warranty, expressed or implied.
- This certification does not rely upon any other certification, except as indicated below:
- optional, with attachment*  This certification relies in part upon an *attached* certification by an A2LA Lab, as to materials testing.
  - optional, with attachment*  This certification relies in part upon an *attached* certification by an inspector certified by the City of Houston or in compliance with Section 1704.3.3 of the IBC, as to welds or high-strength bolts.

Name of certifying RLPE (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by (name of registered engineering firm): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of RLPE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**(SEAL) must be legible**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FILING.** The building official of the City acknowledges that this certification was duly filed as required by the Structural Framing Ordinance.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_

# MEMO

From the Desk of the Chief Building Official

K. Clay Chew, CBO, CFM

## **General Information for Engineers when filling out the Foundation & Framing Certificates.**

When filling out the city required foundation certificate there may be items on the certificate that were not inspected by you because they were not required to be installed per your design or not part of your required inspection, i.e. form, compaction (where none was designed by you. In this case draw a line through the non-inspected/required item.

Example:

( ) included actual measurement of piers, ~~fill, compaction~~, reinforcement, ~~forms~~, materials, dimensions, structural elements, attachments, etc. before the work was covered or concrete was placed (Note: dimensions of an underground element may have been measured or estimated from the forms, boring or cavity for the element, before pouring or filling);

When filling out the city required framing certificates please answer each check space, ( ), with a check mark showing confirmation the inspection as stated was performed by you or an N/A, (N/A), meaning nothing in that space was applicable to this project.

The last check space on both foundation and framing certificates must always be checked because it states; this certificate does not rely upon any other certification, except as indicated below. In cases where you as the Engineer of record authorize someone listed to perform an inspection for you, then check that space and provide a copy of their report for our records as well.

Should you have a question please call or e-mail me at [cchew@westutx.gov](mailto:cchew@westutx.gov)

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