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## **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

After all required inspections have been completed, the building inspector may deliver a Certificate of Occupancy to the job site. The scope of construction work defines whether or not your construction project will require the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. The following instances will result in the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy:

- The first tenant build-out in a new shell building
- A change in square footage of an existing space
- A change in the building occupancy class of an existing space

If you have questions about whether your project will result in the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, please ask your building inspector.

## Note: Buildings or structures <u>shall not</u> be used or occupied until the building inspector approves the final inspection and approves the building for occupancy.

If the inspector finds that no hazard will result from the occupancy of a building or structure before it's completed, a temporary or partial Certificate of Occupancy may be issued. Please contact the Building Inspection Administrator to see if your project would be eligible for a temporary or partial certificate of occupancy.

The Certificate of Occupancy shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises and shall not be removed except by the building official.

Copies of existing Certificates of Occupancy are available in the Community Development Permit Center.