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## “CAN WE TALK? ”

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### The Question Never Asked, Will Forever Be Unanswered!

Greetings,

Welcome to the inaugural printing of a new Question and Answer column, brought to you by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department and the Gazette.

I would like to thank the Gazette for graciously providing this forum to give you the opportunity to submit Your Never Asked questions. If your question is appropriate it may be chosen to be included in this monthly column.

Note: The intent of this column is to answer ‘general information’ questions regarding Building Permits, Building Codes, and the function of the Regional Building Department. Questions about specific jobs or a specific building permit will not considered in this column.

**Question:** I’m a taxpayer in the city of Colorado Springs; I understand the need for plan reviews and building permits. Why don’t the taxes I already pay cover the cost to operate the Building Department?

**Answer:** That is the biggest misconception about the Regional Building Department. The fact is the Building Department is 100% user funded. Our funding comes from Permits, Licenses, and Plan Check Fees. We are an Enterprise that serves Colorado Springs, El Paso County, the city of Fountain, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, The Town of Monument, and Palmer Lake. We receive no funding from City, County, State or Federal taxes. We, like your family have a budget and live within that budget.

**Question:** You sure have a large new building to run the Department, why do you need so much space?

**Answer:** The Regional Development Center located at 2880 International Circle was a design years in the making. The goal being: to provide a One Stop Shop for the citizens of El Paso County. Regional Building Department actually occupies only a portion of this beautiful building. The intent was that a builder or homeowner could drop off their plans, have them reviewed by the appropriate agencies including: Colorado Springs Development Review, (Zoning), Fire Department, Traffic Engineering, Colorado Springs Utilities Contract Administration, Enumeration, Floodplain, and El Paso County Planning. So far this approach has been a huge success. When all applicable approvals are complete and fees paid you walk out the door with a building permit. This building is also one of the few Certified GREEN BUILDINGS in the county, utilizing many state of the art energy conservation designs and products available.

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