Reroofing Guidelines per the 2015 International Codes with 2017 Regional Building Code Amendments

This information is a summary of local reroof requirements. In addition to the information in this handout, you must refer to the currently adopted codes for the complete requirements.

- New asphalt roof coverings shall NOT be installed without first removing ALL existing layers of roof coverings on residential homes. (See 2015 IRC Section 908.3)

- It is a violation of Code for any person to contract or perform reroofs (or repairs more than 100 square feet) without a license unless you own the residential property AND it is your primary residence. Any repair or replacement work done over 100 sq. ft. requires a permit whether a licensed contractor or homeowner is performing the work. (See 2017 RBC 105.2 #13)

- All one- and two-family dwellings in the City of Colorado Springs shall have a minimum roof covering of Class A excluding solid wood roofing products. Accessory structures shall have a minimum roof covering of Class B. (See 2017 RBC Appendix D)

- Drip edge shall be provided at eaves and rake edges of shingle roofs. (See IRC 2015 Section 905.2.8.5 for additional installation specifications)

- Roofing contractors are ONLY permitted to replace the vent cap, collar, and jack on a B-Vent. A licensed HVAC contractor must be contracted for any repair or replacement of the connections or the B-vent itself.

- Elevation of the property is listed on the permit receipt. Properties that are above 7,000 ft. elevation require an ice barrier to be installed. This barrier shall consist of not fewer than two layers of underlayment cemented together, or a self-adhering polymer-modified bitumen sheet, and shall extend from the eave’s edge to a point of at least 24 inches inside the exterior wall line of the building. (See RBC 303.4.2, Table R301.2(1) footnote c. and IRC 2015 905.1.2 for application)

- Asphalt shingles are not permitted to be installed on a roof pitch less than 2:12. (See IRC 2015 Section 905.2.2) Two layers of ASTM D226 roofing felt (half-lapped) is required for roof slopes between 2:12 and 4:12. (See IRC 2015 Table 905.1.1(2) for application)

- Stocking of roofing materials (on driveway or roof) is considered the start of a project. Stocking of materials prior to a permit being issued is not allowed. Violations shall result in a triple permit fee assessed and a stop work order issued.

- Reroof permits are not required to be posted at the property.

- Typical asphalt roofing materials and Direct-to-Deck metal shingles on residential homes do not require a mid-roof inspection.

- Crickets are not required on reroofs, only on new construction.

- Plank decking (skip sheathing) must have gaps that are 1/4” or less. If not, roof must be re-decked with a minimum of 7/16” OSB or overlaid with a minimum of 3/8” CDX / OSB installed over existing plank decking (skip sheathing) otherwise gaps must be filled in. (See IRC 2015 Section 905.2.1 and Table 803.1)