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TO: All Local Building Departments, Licensed Dealers and General Service persons

RE: Permanent Foundations for Manufactured Homes and Commercial Coaches

In an effort to ensure optimal customer service, the Manufactured Housing Division would like to clarify who is responsible for foundation plan approvals and inspections.

Pursuant to NAC 489.180(3), it is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction to review, approve, and inspect permanent foundations that are constructed prior to the installation of a manufactured home or commercial coach.

For reference:
NAC 489.180 Administration and enforcement of chapter. (NRS 489.231, 489.241)
1. The Division will administer and enforce the provisions of chapter 489 of NRS and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, 24 C.F.R. Part 3280, and the Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations, 24 C.F.R. Part 3282, of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Each manufacturer, distributor and dealer of manufactured homes shall establish and maintain the records, make the reports and provide the information required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to enable the Department to determine whether the manufacturer, distributor or dealer has complied with the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5401 et seq., this chapter and chapter 489 of NRS.
3. Standards for continuous foundations and underground services are the responsibility of local governmental units. Any local governmental unit which discovers a violation of this chapter shall report the violation to the Division.
4. Every manufactured home or mobile home manufactured after June 15, 1976, which is sold or offered for sale in this State must bear a label of compliance issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
5. Every manufactured home, mobile home and commercial coach which is reconstructed in this State must be certified by the Division or by a licensed engineer that it is reconstructed in compliance with the standards or their equivalent applicable at the time of original manufacture.

Effective immediately, all foundation plan approvals and related inspections will be processed through the local jurisdiction. The Manufactured Housing Division will no longer accept requests for foundation plan approvals or foundation inspections. It is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction to ensure that all foundation plans meet applicable codes and specifications set forth by the manufacturer of the structure.

Sincerely,

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