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**100% of the City of Reading, PA Property Maintenance Inspectors are  
Certified by the International Code Council**

Reading, PA –April 7, 2015 – One hundred percent of City of Reading, PA Property Maintenance Division Inspectors have earned professional certifications from the International Code Council (ICC). Through rigorous testing, ICC Certifications ensure that inspectors have demonstrated competency in the requirements of the International Codes®.

The Code Council’s certification program is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious credentialing program for property maintenance and construction code administration and enforcement professionals in the United States. The Property Maintenance Division earned the 100 percent designation through the Get Everyone Certified Challenge presented by ICC and Target, which is committed to building strong, safe communities and promoting education. In 2010, Target announced plans to give \$1 billion for education by the end of the 2015 fiscal year. Partnering with the Code Council to promote code knowledge is an obvious blending of these two initiatives.

ICC Certifications also demonstrate expert knowledge by staff and can assist in the department’s future efforts to become accredited by the International Accreditation Service. In addition, individuals have earned credentials in specific trade or inspection areas, enhancing staff versatility.

“ICC Certifications demonstrate a professional commitment to public safety and a high level of self-initiative,” said Ron Natale, Division Manager. “Being professionally certified by the Code Council provides a nationally recognized credential that will only enhance the services provided to the constituents of the City of Reading, PA.”

“Becoming Code Council-certified is a significant personal and professional accomplishment, and is a key step toward enhanced professional stature,” said ICC Board of Directors President Ronald Piester. “Code Council certificate holders demonstrate a confirmed commitment to public safety and building safe communities.”

The International Code Council is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the International Property Maintenance Code, design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets choose the International Codes.

For more information, please contact the Property Maintenance Division at 610-655-6283.

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