



**Department of Permitting Services**  
**Division of Building Construction**  
 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850

**CODE INTERPRETATION/POLICY**

<b>Policy Name:</b> Partial Framing Inspection for Low Framing		
<b>Code/Year</b> IRC 2009	<b>Section of Code</b> R109.1	<b>Title of Code Section/Subsection</b> Types of Inspections
<b>Statement/Background of Issue</b>  <p>DPS considers any floor/deck framing which is 36 inches or less from ground, measured from the finished floor level, as a "low floor framing". All framing requires a framing inspection before any concealment.</p> <p>Typically, residential inspections are not approved on a partial basis. However, low floor framing may need to be approved on a partial basis, especially when homes are being renovated while occupied.</p>		
<b>Division Interpretation/Policy</b>  <p>The Division of Building Construction requires that all low floor framing be inspected for compliance with the International Residential Building and National Electrical Codes. In order to perform these inspections in an appropriate construction sequence, and not cause any delay in the construction activities; the division will permit partial inspections for low floor framing.</p> <p>Other than the low floor framing, partial inspection requests must have a manger's approval prior to requesting and scheduling them.</p> <p>The mechanical or electrical concealment and final inspections for low floor framing inspections must be performed according to the residential inspections protocol.</p>		
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