INSPECTION GUIDELINES:
SAFETY AND SANITATION

INSPECTION CODE: N/A

SCOPE: RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

CODES ENFORCED: 2016 CBC, CRC, CPC, CMC, CEC, CALGreen, CEnC, and PAMC

The information provided in this document is general and intended as a guide only. Each project is unique and additional requirements may be enforced as deemed appropriate.

CPA PUBLIC WORKS

☐ Prior to conducting any construction activity in a public way (i.e. scaffolding, fencing, sidewalk replacement, street opening, etc.), a Public Works Encroachment Permit is required. Contact CPA Public Works at (650) 329-2151.

MAINTENANCE DURING CONSTRUCTION

☐ Required exits, existing structural elements, fire protection devices and sanitary safeguards shall be maintained at all times during remodeling, alterations, repairs or additions to any building or structure. (CBC 3302.1)

OSHA

☐ The Division of Occupational Safety and Health, better known as OSHA, protects workers and the public from safety hazards through its OSHA programs. For additional information on work site safety visit their website (https://www.osha.gov/).

PROTECTION OF PEDESTRIANS

☐ Install the Hours of Construction sign prior to commencement of work. (PAMC 9.10.060)

☐ The work of demolishing any building shall not be commenced until pedestrian protection is in place. (CBC 3303.2)

☐ Pedestrians shall be protected during construction, remodeling and demolition activities. Signs shall be provided to direct pedestrian traffic. (CBC 3306.1)

☐ Walkways shall be of sufficient width to accommodate the pedestrian traffic, but in no case less than 4 foot wide. Walkways shall be accessible and designed to support all imposed loads. In no case shall the design live load be less than 150 pounds per square foot. Exit signs and directional barricades shall be provided to direct pedestrian traffic. (CBC 3306.2)
Walkways shall be free from tripping hazards and a durable walking surface. (CBC 3306.2)

Construction railings shall be at least 42 inches in height and shall be sufficient to direct pedestrians around construction areas. (CBC 3306.4)

CONSTRUCTION SAFEGUARDS

- Basement excavations shall be shored and fenced. (OSHA) See “Protection of Excavations.”

- Jobsite ladders and scaffolding shall comply with OSHA safety standards. (OSHA)

- Horizontal exits shall not be removed until a substitute means of egress has been provided and approved. (CBC 3303.3)

- Service utility connections shall be discontinued and capped prior to commencement of demolition. (CBC 3303.6)

- Open trenches shall be back-filled as soon as required inspections have been approved. Open trenches are a safety hazard. (OSHA) See “Joint Trench” checklist for backfill, compaction, and burial.

- Construction debris shall be managed and removed on a periodic basis to maintain the job in a safe condition. (OSHA)

- Food debris shall be placed in appropriate sealed containers and removed on a periodic schedule. (OSHA)

SANITATION

- Sanitary facilities shall be provided during construction, remodeling, or demolition activities, in accordance with the CPC. (CBC 3305.1)

- Portable toilets used during construction shall be set as far as possible from adjacent properties and shall be serviced on a regular basis to prevent odor and other nuisance conditions from occurring. (CBC 3305)

SECURITY

- Please review the guidelines from the Palo Alto Police Department regarding site security. Feel free to remove and copy them for distribution to the neighbors of your jobsite.