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On May 6, 2009, Yolo County Building Department was surveyed by the Insurance Service Office (ISO), Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule. The Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule assesses the building codes in effect in a particular jurisdiction and how the jurisdiction enforces its building codes, with special emphasis on mitigation of losses from natural hazards.

ISO is an insurer supported organization charged with providing advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. The classification scale is from one to 10 with 10 representing less than the minimum recognized protection. A rating of 1 is excellent and 10 is very low.

ISO has evaluated over 7,000 building departments across the United States. ISO evaluates the administrative support for code enforcement within the jurisdiction, adopted building codes and the modifications of those codes through ordinance, code enforcement qualifications, experience and education, zoning provisions, contractor licensing requirements, public awareness and training programs, the building department's participation in code development activities, and the administrative policies and procedures.

There are over 600 Building Departments in California. Of this amount only 40 Building Departments in California received a Class 2 rating according to the latest information from Reed Speare of ISO. Yolo County Building Department is one of the 40 Building Departments to achieve a Class 2 rating.



There are only two Class 1 building departments in California, the Newport Beach Building Department and the City of Beverly Hills Building Department. There are 80 Class 3 departments, 200 Class 4 departments, 50 Class 5 departments, 90 Class 7 departments, and 200 Class 9 departments.

Homeowners may see decreased insurance rates based on high ratings earned by the Yolo County Building Department. The department recently received an Outstanding Rating from ISO for their commercial and residential codes and inspections. The survey conducted has resulted in a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification (BCEGS) rating of 2 for one and two family residential properties, and 2 for commercial and industrial properties. ISO program will apply credits to new construction within Yolo County that has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy in the year 2009 and forward.