

POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

SECTION	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	POLICY NUMBER	4-1-16
SUB-SECTION	Building Inspection	EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 2017
SUBJECT	Hurricane Clips Rebate Program		
AUTHORITY	General Government Services Committee – August 24, 2016 Council Motion # 2016-12 – September 8, 2016 Council Motion #2018-27 – May 10, 2018		

PURPOSE:

To create an incentive program for home builders to install hurricane clips on new structures in Dufferin County.

STATEMENT:

The Ontario Building Code does not require Part # 9 buildings (houses, additions etc.) to be fitted with hurricane clips. A hurricane clip is an object that can be installed between the roof structure and top of wall during construction that helps to prevent damage from severe weather such as high winds, tornados and hurricanes.

PROCEDURES:

Definitions

“building” means,

- (a) a structure occupying an area greater than ten square metres consisting of a wall, roof and floor or any of them or a structural system serving the function thereof including all plumbing, works, fixtures and service systems appurtenant thereto,
- (b) a structure occupying an area of ten square metres or less that contains plumbing, including the plumbing appurtenant thereto
- (c) structures designated in the building code;

“construct” means to do anything in the erection, installation, extension or material alteration or repair of a building and includes the installation of a building unit fabricated or moved from elsewhere and “constructed” has a corresponding meaning;

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“hurricane clip” is an object that can be installed between the roof structure and top of wall during construction that helps to prevent damage from severe weather such as high winds, tornados and hurricanes. Also called "seismic ties", “roof straps” or hurricane tie downs”

“inspector” means a building inspector appointed for the County of Dufferin under By-law

Eligibility

All newly constructed buildings that have been issued a building permit by the County of Dufferin with installed hurricane clips on roof trusses that were not a requirement of the designer or engineer.

Process

- During the framing inspection, the Inspector will count the number of hurricane clips that have been properly installed on the building.
- The Inspector will record the number of hurricane clips installed on his inspection report. No more than two clips per truss will be eligible for a rebate.
- Once a final inspection is complete for the building, the Administrative Support Specialist will provide a cheque requisition at \$3.00 per clip to be approved by the Chief Building Official.
- An additional rebate from by the Institute of Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) of \$1.50 per clip will be paid by the County. The County will invoice the ICLR quarterly for reimbursement for funds paid.
- The amount of the rebate cannot exceed more than 75% of the cost of the Building Permit issued for the building.
- The cheque is then issued to the property owner.