RESIDENTIAL INSPECTION – FOUR OR LESS UNITS

A residential inspection is a survey and basic operation of the systems and components of a building which can be reached, entered, or viewed without difficulty, moving obstructions, or requiring any action which may result in damage to the property or personal injury to the *Inspector*. The purpose of the *inspection* is to provide the Client with information regarding the general condition of the building(s). Cosmetic and aesthetic conditions shall not be considered.

Inspections are not *technically exhaustive* and apply to the *primary building* and its associated *primary parking structure*.

A real estate inspection includes the readily accessible systems and components or a representative number of multiple similar components.

Foundation, Basement, and Under-floor Areas

- 1. Foundation system
- 2. Floor framing system
- 3. Under-floor ventilation
- 4. Foundation anchoring and cripple wall bracing
- 5. Wood separation from soil
- 6. Insulation

Exterior

- 1. Surface grade directly adjacent to the buildings
- 2. Doors and windows
- 3. Attached decks, porches, patios, balconies, stairways, and their enclosures
- 4. Wall cladding and trim
- 5. Portions of walkways and driveways that are adjacent to the buildings
- 6. Pool or Spa drowning prevention features, for the sole purpose of identifying any of which, if any, are present

Roof Covering

- 1. Covering
- 2. Drainage
- 3. Flashings
- 4. Penetrations
- 5. Skylights

Attic Areas and Roof Framing

- 1. Framing
- 2. Ventilation
- 3. Insulation

Plumbing

- 1. Water supply piping
- 2. Drain, waste, and vent piping
- 3. Faucets and fixtures
- 4. Fuel gas piping
- 5. Water heaters
- 6. Functional flow and functional drainage

Electrical

- 1. Service equipment
- 2. Electrical panels
- 3. Circuit wiring
- 4. Switches, receptacles, outlets, and lighting fixtures

Heating and Cooling

- 1. Heating equipment
- 2. Central cooling equipment
- 3. Energy source and connections
- 4. Combustion air and exhaust vent systems
- 5. Condensate drainage
- 6. Conditioned air distribution systems

Fireplaces and Chimneys

- 1. Chimney exterior
- 2. Spark arrestor
- 3. Firebox
- 4. Damper
- 5. Hearth extension

Building Interior

- 1. Walls, ceilings, and floors
- 2. Doors and windows
- 3. Stairways, handrails, and guardrails
- 4. *Permanently installed* cabinets
- 5. *Permanently installed* cook-tops, mechanical range vents, ovens, dishwashers, and food waste disposers
- 6. Absence of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- 7. Vehicle doors and openers