



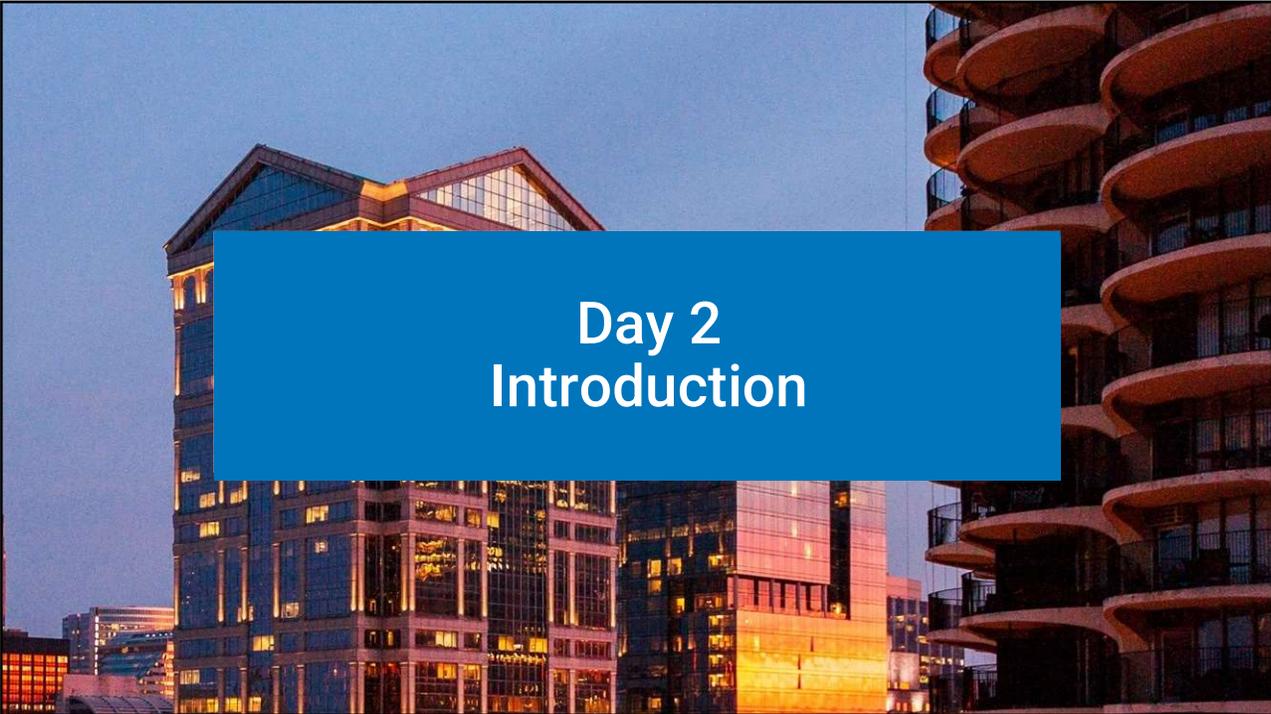
# 2024 Training Class

Self-Certified Permit Application Program



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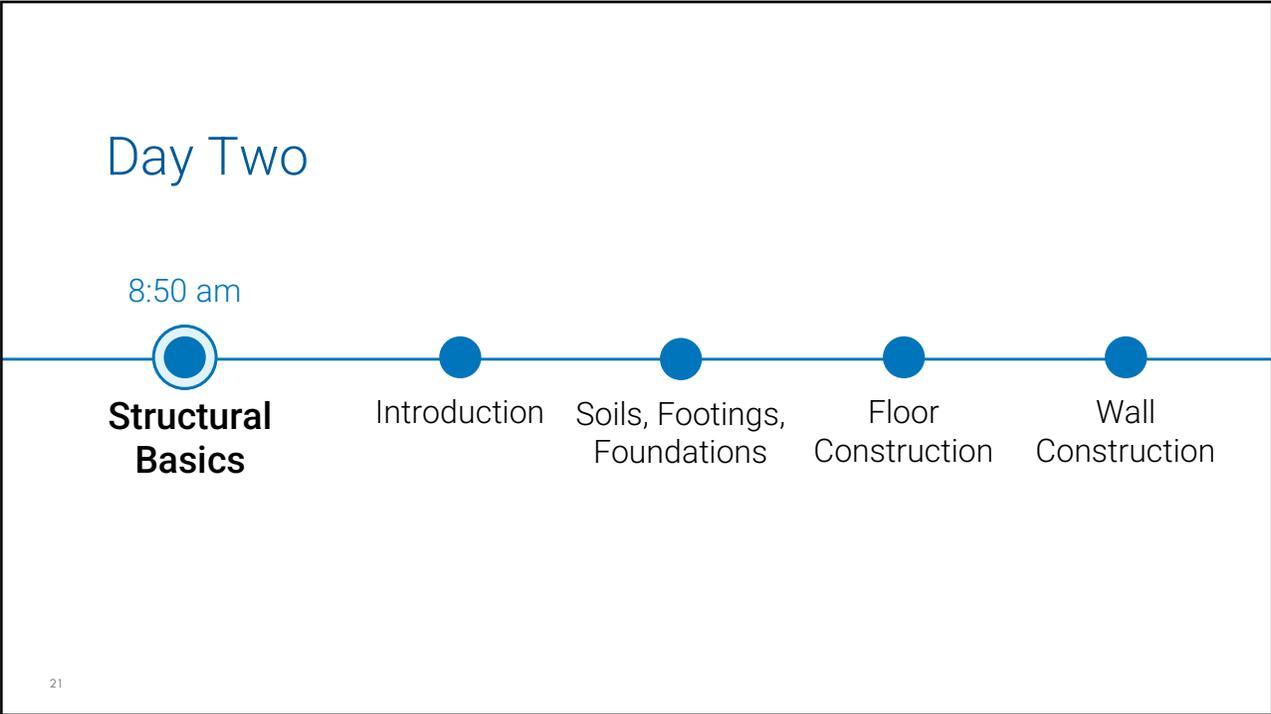


# Day 2 Introduction

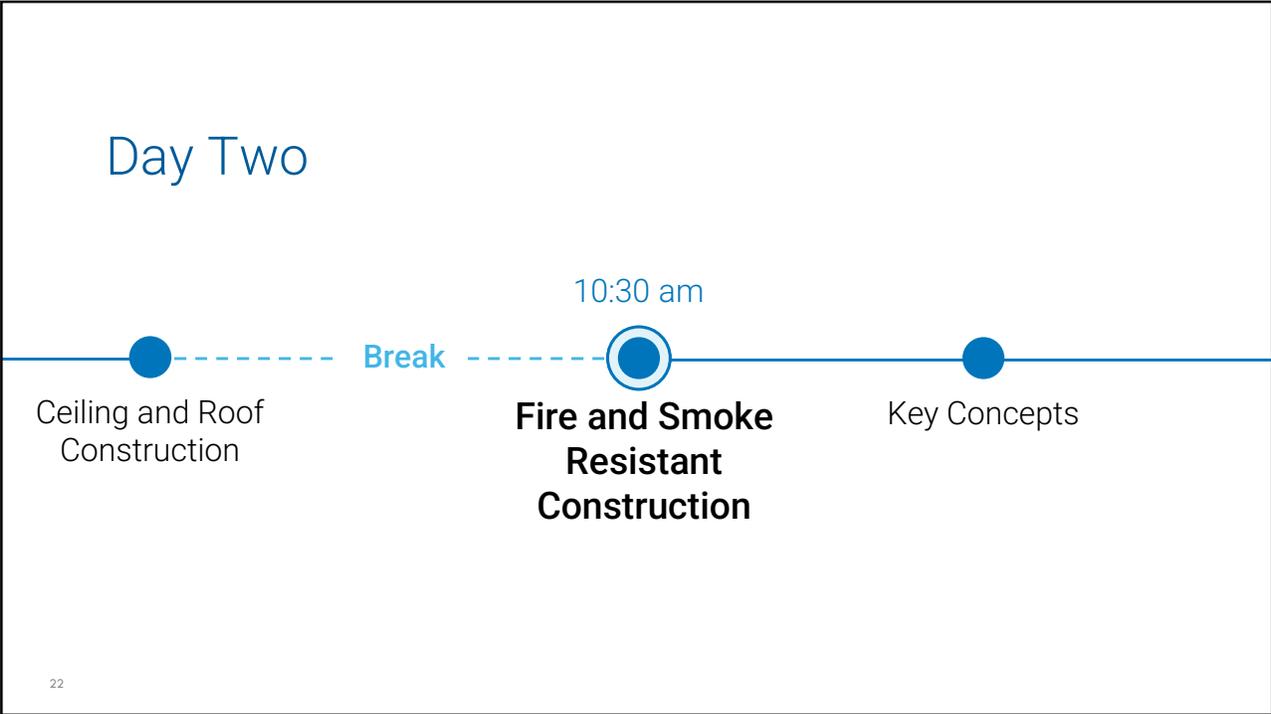
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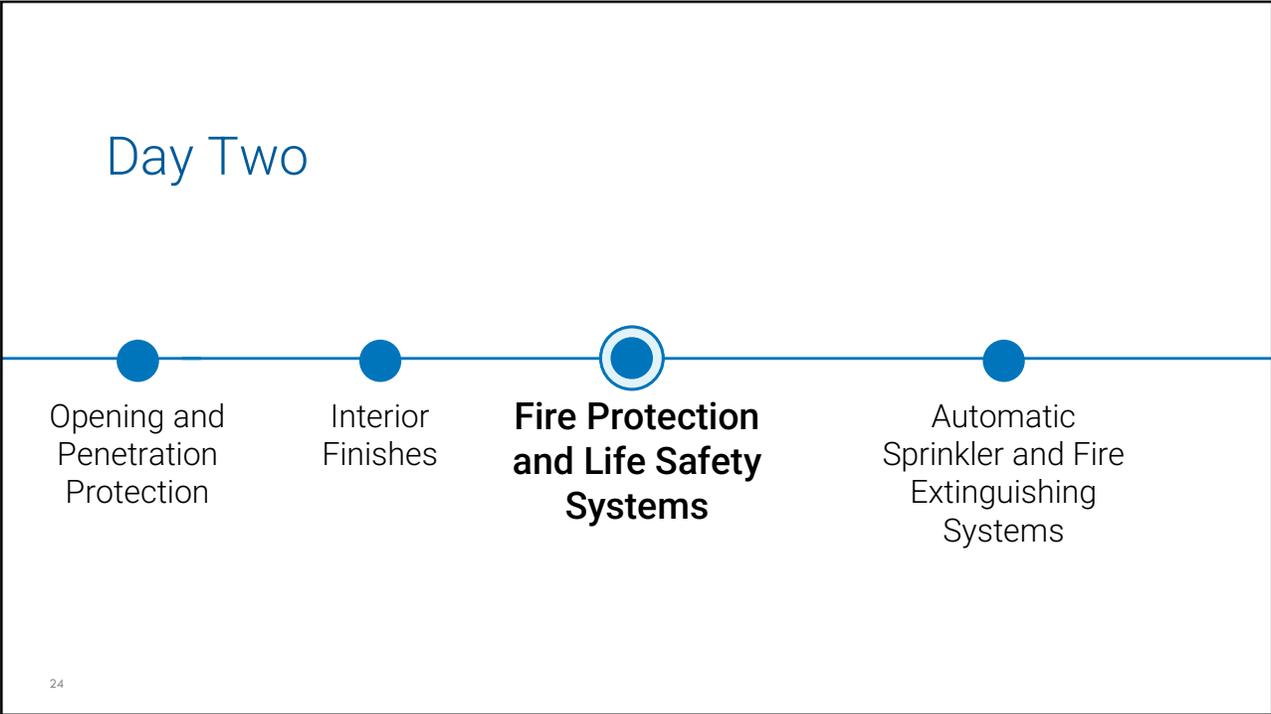
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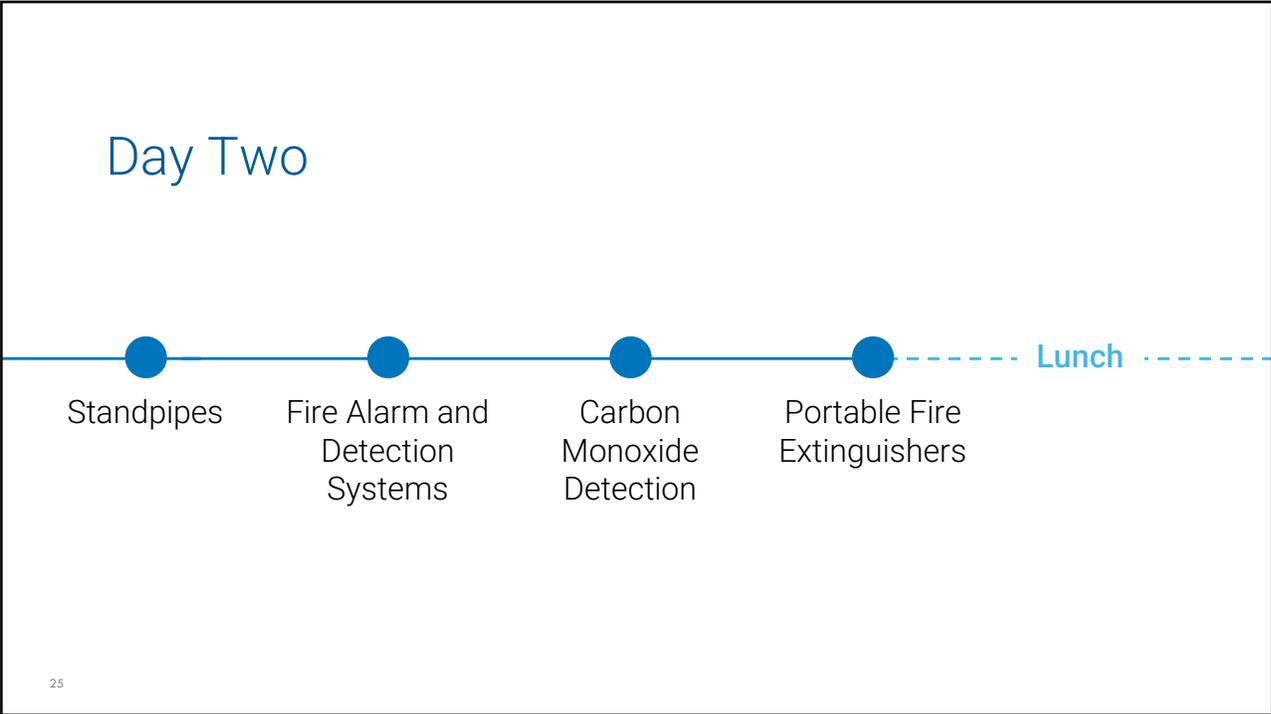
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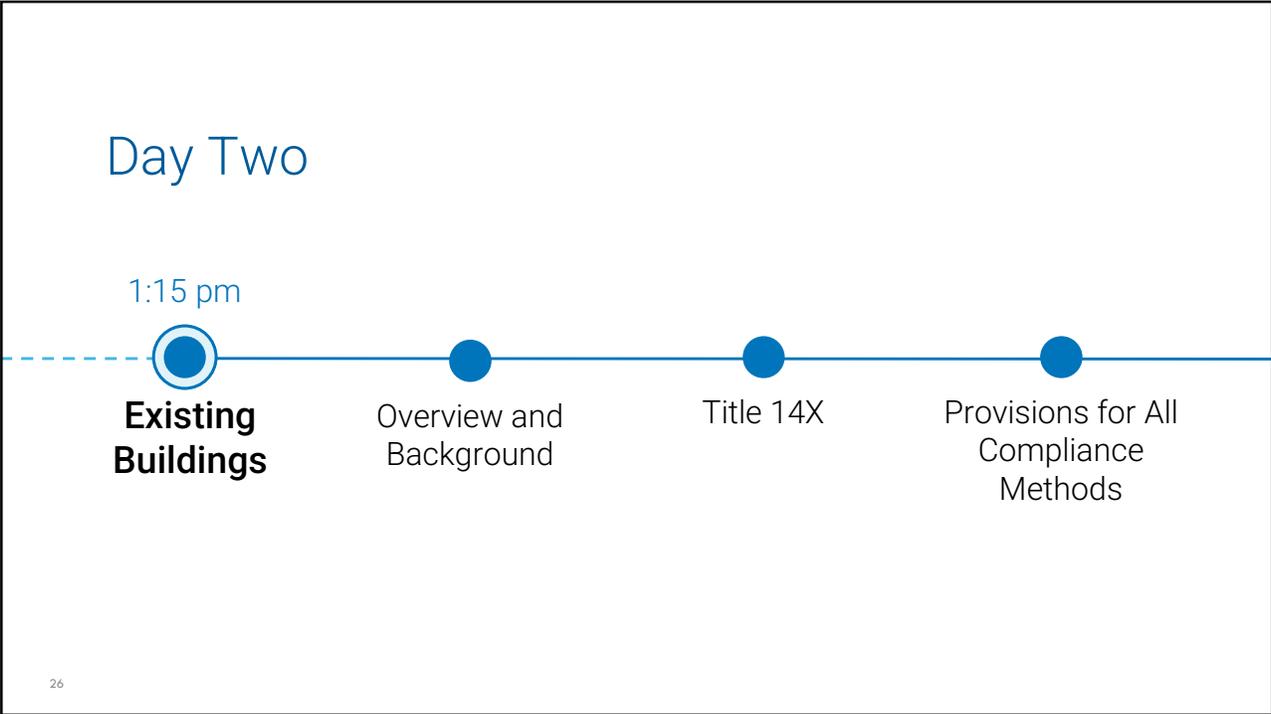
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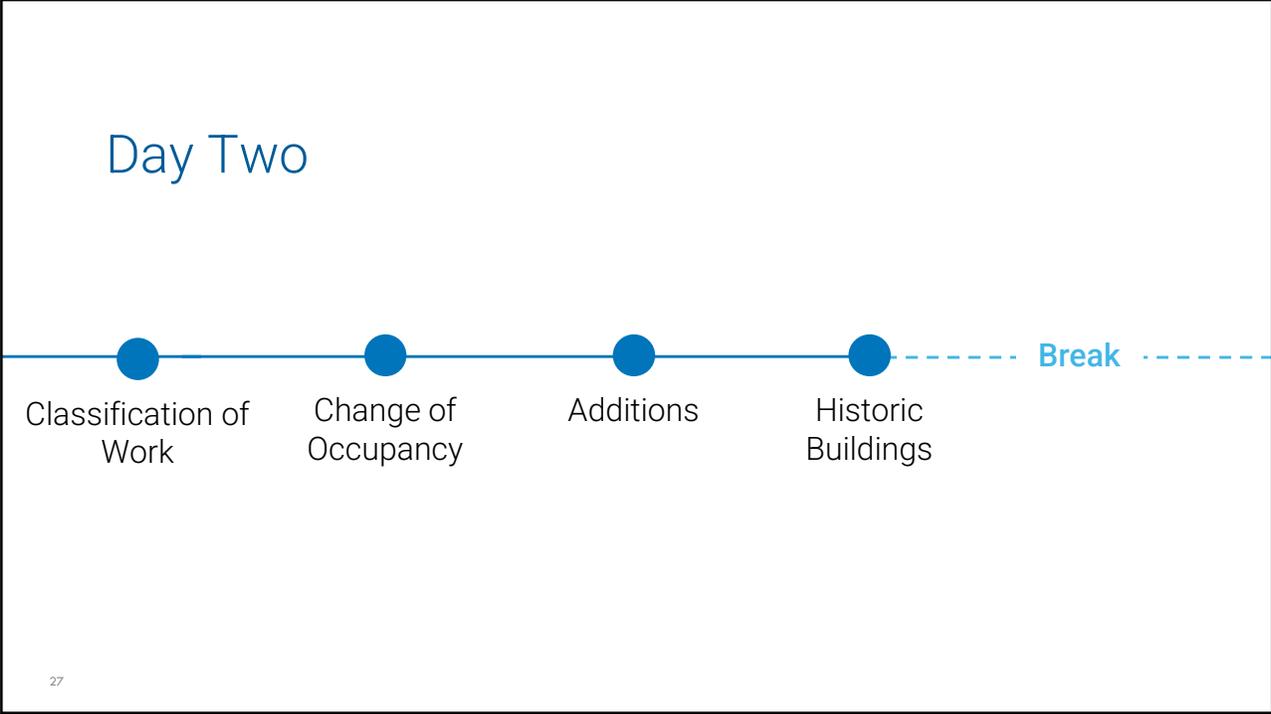
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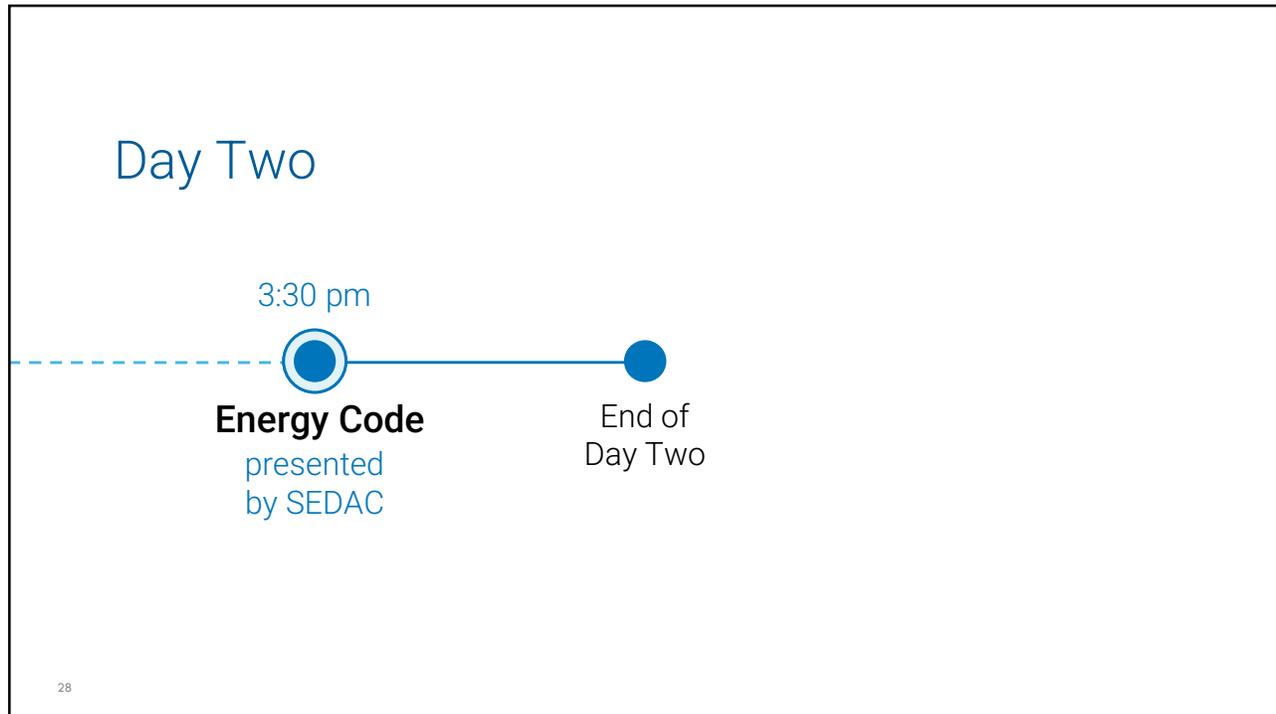
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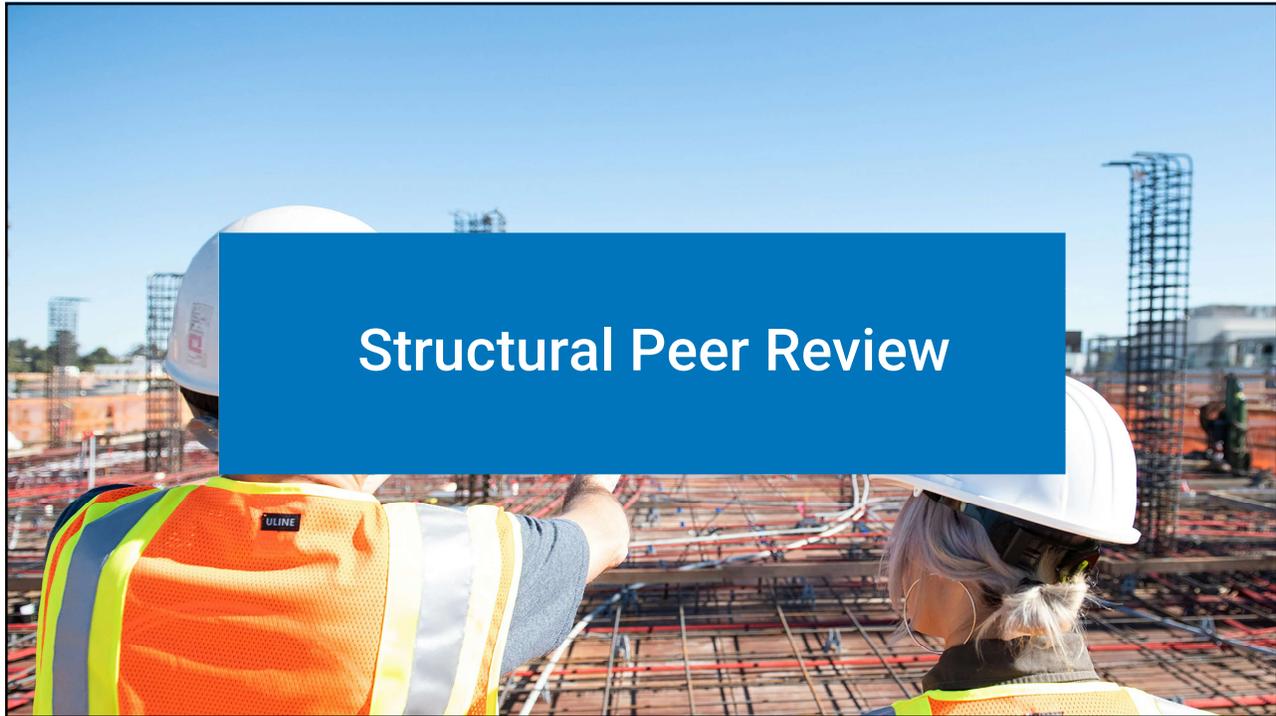
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## Learning Objectives Day Two

- Explain the Structural Peer Review program
- Determine which structural requirements of the Chicago Construction Codes are applicable to a project
- Review structural drawings and calculations for conformance with code requirements
- Describe the three compliance methods available in the Chicago Building Rehabilitation Code
- Apply the work area method to determine code requirements for various scopes of rehabilitation work
- Describe new requirements in the 2022 Chicago Energy Transformation Code
- Explain key requirements of the Chicago Energy Transformation Code for work in existing buildings

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The Structural Peer Review Program is designed to expedite the permit process by reducing the time and effort required for conventional structural plan examination by DOB personnel.

Under the Department's standard plan review permitting process, use of Structural Peer Review is **voluntary**.

Use of Structural Peer Review is **required** for some types of work under the Self-Certified Permit Application Program.

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The permit applicant may select any Registered Structural Peer Reviewer (RSPR) to prepare a Structural Peer Reviewer's Report, so long as the RSPR has **sufficient experience with the type of work** to be reviewed.

The permit applicant is responsible for the **entire cost** of using Structural Peer Review.

The use of Structural Peer Review instead of conventional structural plan review does not affect the building permit fee or inspection process.

The Structural Peer Review program has its own **Rules**, just like Self-Cert.

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Just like Self-Certification Professionals, Registered Structural Peer Reviewers (RSPRs) are **individuals**, not firms or companies.

In order to perform a peer review, the RSPR must have **sufficient experience with the type of work** to be reviewed.

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**What types of projects are eligible to use structural peer review?**

- All building/project types are eligible to use the Structural Peer Review Program.
- Structural Peer Review may be used with the Standard Plan Review or Self-Certification Permit Processes.

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**What types of projects are required to use structural peer review?**

- Use of Structural Peer Review is **required** for some types of work under the Self-Certified Permit Application Program.
- See Self-Certification Rule C(2) and Table C-2.

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**Who selects and pays for the Registered Structural Peer Reviewer?**

- The owner selects and pays for the services of the RSPR. (Can be recommended by the self-cert professional.)
- The City of Chicago is not involved in hiring of the RSPR.
- The City is not responsible for any costs of using Structural Peer Review.

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### Is the Registered Structural Peer Reviewer (RSPR) an individual or a firm?

- Only an individual can be an RSPR.
- The Report must be prepared by the RSPR or a person over whom the RSPR exercises personal supervision and control.

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### Can someone else perform the peer review for the selected Registered Structural Peer Reviewer (RSPR)?

The Review must be performed by and the Report must be prepared by the RSPR or a person over whom the RSPR exercises personal supervision and control. The RSPR must sign and seal the report.

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**What, if any, review is performed by DOB?**

- A cursory review of the Report is performed by DOB to verify content, certification, and completeness.
- DOB may audit Reports before or after issuance of the associated permit.

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