

**BUILDING CODE EFFECTIVENESS
GRADING SCHEDULE**



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Mr. Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator
Southampton County
26022 Administration Centre Dr. P.O. Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837

Re: Notification of Publication of BCEGS Classification

Dear Mr. Johnson:

ISO has completed our analysis of the building code adoption and/or enforcement program improvements Southampton County has made since the initial letter we sent June 15, 2009. As a result of those improvements, the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification that ISO will implement for Southampton County is a Class 3 for 1& 2 family residential property and a Class 3 for commercial and industrial property. The BCEGS classification will apply to new buildings receiving a Certificate of Occupancy during or after January 1 of the year 2010.

We have attached a copy of ISO's report which will provide you additional information about the classification process and how ISO evaluated various aspects of your community's building codes and their enforcement. We want to emphasize that the ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading program is an advisory insurance underwriting information and rating tool. It is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive building code enforcement program. BCEGS is not for purposes of determining compliance with any state or local law nor is it for making loss prevention or loss safety recommendations.

ISO reviews a community's BCEGS classification approximately every five years. If a community significantly changes its building code adoption and/or enforcement program within that time period and ISO is made aware of this, a reevaluation will be scheduled.

Thank you once again for your cooperation in this important project. Please feel free to contact ISO at any time for answers to your questions about the BCEGS program.

Sincerely,

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