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**Newport Beach Building Department Receives Top Rating**

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. -- The Insurance Services Office (ISO) has awarded the City of Newport Beach Building Department a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification rating of "1" for residential property and a "1" for commercial property. The rating of "1" is the highest rating awarded by the ISO on a 10-1 scale.

The City of Newport Beach Building Department is among five jurisdictions to receive a residential rating of "1" and six jurisdictions to receive a commercial rating of "1". According to the ISO's website, [www.iso.com](http://www.iso.com), there are around 9,000 jurisdictions nationally that are currently rated.

The ISO is an insurer-supported organization with the primary mission of providing advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. There is no requirement that insurers use their advisory material. Insurers may have adopted, or may be in the process of adopting, an ISO insurance rating program that will provide rating credits to individual property insurance policies in recognition of community efforts to mitigate property damage due to natural disasters. These insurers may use the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Classification the ISO recently developed for the City of Newport Beach as a basis for credits used. While individual insurers may use different credits or different effective dates, the ISO program will apply credits to new construction within Newport Beach that has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy in the year 2009 and forward. For more information contact Building Department Director Jay Elbettar at 949-644-3282.