Chapter 1.28 RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR INSPECTION

1.28.010 Right of entry for inspection.

Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any ordinance or resolution, or whenever there is reasonable cause to believe there exists an ordinance or resolution violation in any building or upon any premises within the jurisdiction of the city, any authorized official of the city, may, upon presentation of proper credentials, enter such building or premises at all reasonable times to inspect the same or to perform any duty imposed upon him by ordinance; provided, that except in an emergency situation requiring swift action to prevent imminent danger to life or serious damage to property, or to forestall the imminent escape of a suspect, or destruction of evidence he shall give the owner and/or occupant, if they can be located after reasonable effort, at least twenty-four hours' written notice of the authorized official's intention to inspect. In the event the owner and/or occupant refuses entry, the official is empowered to seek assistance from any court of competent jurisdiction in obtaining such entry.

(Ord. 718 § 1, 1972: prior code § 1.28)

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1.28.020 Access to exterior property.

After presenting proper identification, the building inspector, neighborhood services officer, code enforcement officer, or the police chief, or their respective deputies or designees, shall be permitted to enter upon any property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inspections to determine compliance with this chapter and related ordinances. If denied access, the code official may acquire a special inspection warrant for such access, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0119, as amended from time-to-time.

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