

# FAQ:

## How Do I Request a Waiver of a Facade Inspection

### Background

Section 315 of the Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code requires the inspection of exterior walls and appurtenances in excess of 60' in height every 5 years, with additional detail provided in [Code Bulletin A-2204: Periodic Testing and Inspection](#).

In accordance with Section PM-315, the Department may grant a waiver if 1) all facades subject to inspection requirement have been substantially restored within the 5-year period preceding inspection due date and 2) the Department concludes that the restoration eliminates the need for an inspection until the next cycle.

The Code defers the determination of substantial restoration, including the required documentation, to the discretion of the Department.

### Answer

The restoration project must incorporate the evaluation of the full height of each facade subject to inspection.

This following must be submitted to [facadereports@phila.gov](mailto:facadereports@phila.gov) prior to the inspection due date:

- Written request from the company that performed prior inspection OR from a professional engineer.
- A copy of the engineer's report from the prior inspection identifying required repairs.
- A copy of the completed building permit.
- Close-out report confirming that work was completed as per plan and/or prior report.

If the waiver is approved, the next inspection report will be due at the end of the next 5-year cycle.