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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Carr Appointed Dubuque Building Services Manager**

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Dubuque City Manager Mike Van Milligen has named Todd Carr the City’s building services manager, effective Monday, Feb. 29. Carr, currently the rehabilitation inspector/construction specialist in the City’s housing and community development department, replaces Rich Russell who retired in September after serving as building services manager for more than 15 years.

“Todd has previous experience in new construction and residential renovation work in Dubuque and elsewhere in the United States -- being responsible to meet all applicable city codes. He has been a small business owner, responsible for profit and loss, and he has hired and supervised people,” said Van Milligen. “Todd will make a great addition to the city management team. I also want to thank Assistant City Manager Cindy Steinhauser for serving as acting building services manager since October.”

The building services department consists of nine staff and is responsible for the inspection of building construction projects including structural elements, plumbing, heating and cooling, and electrical systems. The department also reviews plans for these projects before permits can be issued.

As building services manager, Carr will manage the enforcement of building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical codes and ordinances within the city. He will work with property owners, architects, engineers, contractors, and other stakeholders on compliance with and changes to those codes and ordinances. He will also oversee field inspections and review major enforcement notices prior to issuance and determine appropriate enforcement actions. The building services department also handles code

enforcement related to: the readily achievable aspects of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), contractor licensing, storage trailers/containers registration, commercial vacant and abandoned buildings (VABs), demolition by neglect in historic and conservation districts, and the unsafe buildings ordinance. Carr will also supervise the City's five custodial staff who maintain City Hall, the City Hall Annex, Historic Federal Building, and Multicultural Family Center.

Carr has served as rehabilitation inspector/construction specialist for the housing and community development department since January 2012. In that role, his responsibilities included housing assessments and inspections, environmental reviews, lead hazard inspections, asbestos hazard identification and removal, deconstruction project management, weatherization and energy efficiency education, and property acquisition and relocation assistance. He previously was healthy homes inspector for the housing and community development department from June of 2011 to January 2012.

Before joining the City of Dubuque, Carr was the owner/operator of Construction Creations, Inc., a residential construction company, for five years; worked as a survey technician and bridge paint inspector for WHKS and Company of East Dubuque for two years; was a carpenter for Conlon Construction of Dubuque; and a project foreman for a construction company in Hawaii. His education includes coursework at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, the University of Wisconsin Extension in Madison, and Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn.

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