

Rick LaJoy Bio:

Formerly Deputy Director, Rick was promoted to Director of the Department of Buildings and Regulatory Compliance in May 2018. His first position with the City was in 2015 as the Assistant Director of Operations for the City's Department of General Services where he developed a passion and commitment to help the residents of Albany. Prior to coming to work for the City Rick worked as a building inspector for Albany County, overseeing and inspecting properties the County took ownership of. Rick has worked in the building industry for over 30 years starting as a NYS Certified Union Journeyman Carpenter and then ran his own home remodeling company for a combines 20 years. Rick has continued to stay engaged in the field of building inspections and code enforcement where he completes yearly on-going continuing education for his NYS Code Official and NYS Home Inspector licenses. Rick has owned and operated his home inspection company for the last 16 years. "I live and breathe this stuff," he says.

Since his appointment Rick has strived to create a culture of professionalism in the department by being responsive, proactive and efficient. With ongoing training, he helps equip his staff and gives them the tools they need in order to succeed. "As an office, we strive to be efficient, transparent, easy to work with, and responsive to the needs of city residents. It's our mission to help Albany become an ever safer and more livable city for all residents." Rick says.