



Flagler County

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June HBA Newsletter

This should not come as any great surprise. The implementation date of the 2008 National Electric Code has been delayed from the July 1st date untilwho knows when. It will be a date in the future as established by DCA. What this means to you in Flagler County and Flagler Beach is plans designed for the 2005 NEC will continue to be accepted. Projects designed in anticipation of the implementation of the 2008 NEC as modified will be accepted as well as an alternate method. In my opinion it would be wrong and potentially costly to the contractor and consumer to require the 2005 to be used when the 2008 was anticipated to go into effect July 1, 2009.

On or about July 15, 2009 renewal notices will be sent out for County Registered and Specialty Contractors. Be cognizant of the notices being sent out and pass the word. Renewals are required to be in this office before September 30, 2009 to avoid penalties. If you do not see your licenses listed on the web site, something is amiss. Please contact the county to find out what is needed to avoid delays in permitting. Please know that consumers also use the web site to find contractors so it is in your best interest to be current with all information.

Effective August 1, 2009 a new form will be required to be submitted with mechanical permits. Code requirements and issues related to mismatched mechanical equipment have promulgated the need to document the equipment to be replaced and that which will remain and to ensure the compatibility of the equipment. This form will also create a record of the equipment on site when the job is complete assisting with the ongoing efforts to curtail the unpermitted and unlicensed activities in this area. The forms will be available on the web site and notification will be sent out through the e-mail list established at the county. If you are not on the e-mail list and have not received past notices, let us know so you can be added.

Proper engineered clips and mechanical system tie downs are required to be utilized meeting the wind design criteria. This applies to both residential and commercial systems (Code Reference FBC-R section M1307.3 and FBC section 301.12). The 2004 code provided for specific means by which this could be accomplished but that is now gone from the code. Master filing of the raised seal engineered clips and/or site specific engineering will be accepted in areas under the jurisdictional authority of Flagler County. We will allow for the manufacturer of the tie downs to master file their specific products and the individual companies to use that master filing provided authorization from the manufacturer is provided for the company using the tie down method. The master filing must state specifically for use as master filing. Keep in mind that some of the clips are manufacturer specific and cannot be used for other brands of units. Please include this information in your new construction packages as well as for change outs.

I have heard the arguments that we are only causing prices to rise for the consumer. Please keep in mind that during the code writing process the mechanical association was involved and this was included in the code as written. We cannot pick and choose what we enforce.

Gary Hiatt, CBO

