



Flagler County

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July-HBA Newsletter

All county issued and specialty license renewals were mailed last week. Please assist in passing the word and looking for the notices. If for some reason you do not receive the notice, please let us know.

I have not received much response on the required engineering for mechanical unit tie downs. Master files can be established for the tie downs. Two sets of sealed engineering designed for the applicable wind speed and exposure category are required to create the master files. One set will be returned. Two copies of the approved master files must be submitted or raised seal engineering for each job for permitting. Code references include but are not limited to FBR-R section 1307.3 and FBC Section 301.12 as referenced in last months newsletter. Failure to provide the master files or raised seal engineering will cause delays in obtaining permit approval for new and change out mechanical systems. The prescriptive method that was contained in the 2004 codes no longer exists. The new forms addressing the mismatched systems are online as with all current forms and are required to be utilized as part of the permitting process.

The on line permitting system (OPIS) is available in order to achieve greater effectiveness and efficiency in your business. This allows for you to check for inspection results, comments, fees due, outstanding inspections at all hours of the day etc. It was established to allow for you to access information for better coordination of your projects. Forms and applications should always be utilized from the web site. The most current editions are available for your use. While we try to get the information out ahead of time, sometimes it does not always work. Please utilize the online services and website; it can save you money and time.

The Department of Community Affairs has changed the manner and the scope of surcharges added to permits issued at the local level. In the past the department's rules exempted some work scopes from the charge and that language was repealed. You may see additional minor charges due to the changes in the laws and rules not due to any local changes made in fees. The money is sent to the state for administration of the building code.

For those of you looking to get continuing education requirements, the local chapter of the Building Official's and Inspectors Association is hosting a two day site seminar in South Daytona on August 20th and 21st. You can obtain additional information related to the classes and cost from the State BOAF website or by contacting one of us. These are the same training classes inspection personnel attend around the State of Florida and will provide a great networking opportunity.

While visiting the Growth Management offices you may notice some of the City of Bunnell's Administrative and Utility Billing staff working in the same proximity as county employees. County staff has not changed and we are here to assist you in anyway possible with normal operations as in the past. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this temporary transitional period regarding the collocation of space.

Gary Hiatt, CBO