



# Flagler County

## Board of County Commissioners

### Building Department



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## June 2010 HBA Newsletter

June 1, 2010 was the official start to hurricane season. Please keep in mind that another responsibility of permit holders is site management including but not limited to debris and material containment. During a storm event materials can become wind borne debris and be the cause of additional damage not only to your structure but neighboring sites as well. Prior to the storm, the materials you have on your site for your use become attractive to some that may want to use your materials to protect their property. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this area.

HB 663 recently signed by the Governor changes the way surcharges are to be assessed on permits at the local level. This is a state requirement and not a local change in fees. Surcharges are to be assessed at a rate of 1.5% with a minimum of \$2.00 each for the Department of Community Affairs **and** the Building Code and Inspectors Fund. This will amount to a minimum of \$4.00 per permit and 3% of fees associated with the enforcement of the Building Code being assessed for all permits. This was previously known as the Radon and BCAIB and even more recently as a surcharge not specifically identified. This change is effective on October 1, 2010.

How many knew that May was International Code Council Building Safety Month? A proclamation was signed by Governor Crist as well as others in recognition and in an effort to bring awareness to the general public of different aspects and the efforts of those who contribute to building safety on a daily basis. The efforts of licensed contractors, designers as well as inspectors go unnoticed in keeping the public safe until tragedy strikes. There were neither bells and whistles nor any major press releases recognizing Building Safety Month and while it is often taken for granted following is my heartfelt thank you to each of you who remain conscientious in keeping citizens safe in their homes and as they conduct their daily activities at work and other structures they occupy. Some look at it as a pay check---but it is so much more!

This August is the Certified Contractor renewal deadline for the State of Florida licenses. Every year there seems to be some that let the deadline pass without renewing. This is a good time to look at all insurances and contact information to ensure that the local jurisdiction has the correct information on file as well. Continuing education is also part of the renewal process and is offered through a variety of sources, Be sure to complete your hours in a timely manner if you have not done so.

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