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Attention All Contractors!



After attending a Construction Industry Informal Group Meeting on September 28th we became aware that there are some very big changes being proposed by the Growth Management Division. One of the most concerning, is the proposed changes to the permit process and fees for new residential homes. Application fees are being proposed in the range of \$9000 and that does not include permit or impact fees! This could drastically effect any new residential construction.

We strongly urge all contractors to go to the following link on the County website and read the all proposed changes:
<http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1649>

In an already struggling construction industry, we need to be paying close attention to these changes. Please voice your opinion! Call or email the Florida Keys Contractors Association. We need your feed back so we can express our concerns to Growth Management.

We have also been asked for input on the efficiency of the building dept. the growth management director is asking for our opinion on how to make things better. Now is our chance to make a difference. Let us know your concerns!!! We have a meeting scheduled soon with Christine Hurley. **DON'T DELAY – BE HEARD – MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

FKCA Board Of Directors



FKCA Members,

Several board of directors were present at the Sept. 12 CEB meeting to discuss the issue of raising the minimum permit scope of work price from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00. I stated our case to the CEB Board that raising the amount would allow licensed and insured contractors the opportunity to get these smaller jobs completed without the benefit of a permit. I explained that when we let the homeowner know that a permit is required and the permit process and fees would be included, they get the job done by someone else because it is usually a small one day project. The CEB board agrees with us and will back our stance in front of the BOCC. Monroe County building department staff is not on our side though. They feel that they are not backed up in the permit office and that they want to be involved in any work out there. The building official stated that there are very few Counties in the state that have a \$2,500.00 limit. We will keep the membership informed of the status as we proceed forward.

*Chris Gratton, Pres
FKCA Board of Directors*

Applications for New Membership

**Tim Gould, T. Ryan Contracting, Inc.
Marathon**

**Andrew George, Royal Crest Builders
Marathon**

**All new membership applications shall be reviewed by the Board
and voted on at its next meeting.**

Memo from Ron Wampler

I am pleased to announce that a local experienced inspector has been added to the City Bldg. Dept., Wally Waynick. Say hello to him when he visits your jobs. Wally has previously worked for the City of Key West and City of Islamorada Bldg. Depts.

Ron Wampler

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Memo from Army Corps of Engineers regarding GP-17

For your situational awareness, the General Permit - 17 (GP-17) will expire on November 7, 2011. The GP-17 allows for an expedited review of minor structures in Florida. Our Jacksonville Office is working on the re-issuance of the permit but it is held up in consultation. Please keep this in mind because until we get this permit reauthorized, we will likely have to review all boatlifts, davits, jet-ski lifts, etc., under a Letter of Permission which is a more in-depth and lengthier review. If you have any minor project that needs to be permitted and were delaying submittal - I recommend you do not delay any longer since we are less than two months away from the permit expiration.

In order to have all the GP-17s that we have in-house verified no later than November 6th, we need your assistance by submitting these applications in a timely manner to give our staff enough time to work on the projects. There is a special condition built into the GP-17 that will allow the permittee one year to complete the work if work has been initiated or if a contract is in place but the work needs to be verified prior to the expiration of the GP-17.

We will not be able to verify any GP-17s after November 7, 2011.

Please let me know if you have any additional comments or questions.

Regards,

Megan Clouser

Senior Project Manager

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Planning Department**

TO: George Garrett, Planning Director
FROM: Stacy Charlton, Planner
DATE: Sept 8, 2011
SUBJECT: Permit Extension Notice

The Florida Legislature under HB 7207 has authorized the extension of permits and other authorizations by two years, provided permit holders apply to the authorizing agency if they wish to obtain the extension.

In order for the extension to be processed by the City of Marathon, a written request with payment of a fee (\$100 for building permits) must be received by December 31, 2011.

This extension applies to all permits having an expiration dated between 1/1/2012 to 1/1/2014.

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Program Title: Specifying Foundation Flood Vents for Building Sustainability, Durability and Performance

Length: 60 Minutes

Credits: 1 (One Hour) Learning Units

HSW/SD: YES

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the effects of hydrostatic pressure on building sustainability
2. Explain the role of foundation flood vents on building enclosure performance in relationship to air, water and land use.
3. Identify FEMA regulations and ICC building codes as they relate to sustaining foundations in flood hazard areas.
4. Analyze the differences between engineered and non-engineered foundation flood openings in terms of optimizing health, durability, and maintenance.

Facilitator Qualifications:

Michael J. Graham

Member of the Association of State Flood Plain Managers, and a Certified Flood Plain Manager. Michael has studied the science of Flood Mitigation for ten years. In coordination with FEMA and the National Evaluation Service, he designed a full scale test facility to replicate building code requirements in flooding conditions, included establishing test criteria for a never before tested entity. Michael attained National Evaluation Certification of products to ICC, BOCA, ICBO, SBCCI, and FEMA Standards. Directed a team of engineers through design, manufacturing, and testing of Foundation Flood Venting products under the auspices of the ICC and FEMA. Member of the technical advisory board of Federal Alliance for Safe Homes and a voting member of ASCE 24-98 flood-proofing committee.

Method of Delivery:

An upbeat PowerPoint presentation

Audio/Visual required: None required, Laptop, and LCD projector will be supplied.

Cost to participants: No cost to Participants

Point of Contact: Tom Little tlittle@smartvent.com

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July CEB Meeting

The Contractors Examining Board is the construction related disciplinary board that handles code enforcement charges brought against contractors and individuals in Monroe County. The actions that the Board took at their July 12, 2011 meeting are as follows:

Carlos Esquivel, Bryklef Marble & Tile, Inc., MCC 6-202.(5) Violation of workers compensation laws. Found In Violation, appeal was denied. Penalty: fine of \$500.00 plus \$100.00 administrative fee for a total of \$600.00 to be paid within 30 days. Amended to require payment within 90 days.

Levi J. Miller, Go Green Custom Blt Tiki Huts, MCC 6-77, No certificate of competency, MCC 6-234.(a) No certificate of competency and advertising. Found In Violation on both counts. Penalty: on the first count \$1000.00 fine plus \$100.00 administrative fee for a total of \$1100.00 to be paid within 30 days. On the second count, \$500.00 plus \$100.00 administrative fee for a total of \$600.00.

Marcelino Acevedo, Safe Harbor Design & Bldg., MCC 6-25, unlicensed contractor. Found In Violation. Penalty: \$500.00 fine plus \$100.00 administrative fee for a total of \$600.00. to be paid within 90 days with first payment of \$200.00 due within 2 weeks.

Emmanuel Velazquez, MCC 6-77 No certificate of competency. Case was continued.

Jorge Luis Martinez, Huts Unlimited Corp., MCC 6-77, no certificate of competency and MCC 6-234.(a) No certificate of competency and advertising. Found In Violation on both counts. Penalty: on the first count \$1000.00 fine plus \$100.00 administrative fee for a total of \$1100.00 and on the second count \$1000.00 fine plus \$100.00 administrative fee for a total of \$1100.00. All fines to be paid within 30 days.

All cases will be forwarded to the Office of the State Attorney.



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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011

DATE	TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
10/4 (Tue)	1:30pm	Village Code Compliance Islamorada, Village of Islands	Admin Ctr, 3 rd Floor Conf Rm (86800 O/S Hwy)
10/5 (Wed)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
10/10/11 (MON) ALL COUNTY & CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY			
10/11 (Tue)	9:30am	CEB	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
10/11 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
10/11 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
10/13 (Thu)	9:30am	KCB City Commission Meeting	City Hall, Key Colony Beach
10/13 (Thu)	5:30pm	Village Regular Council Meeting Islamorada, Village of Islands	Founders Park CC (87000 O/S Hwy)
10/17 (Mon)	5:30pm	Marathon City Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
10/18 (Tue)	9:30am	KCB Utility Board	City Hall, Key Colony Beach
10/18 (Tue)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
10/19-10/20 (Wed/Thu)	9:00am	BOCC	Harvey Govt Ctr (1200 Truman Avenue KW)
10/19 (Wed)	9:30am	KCB Planning & Zoning	City Hall, Key Colony Beach
10/25 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
10/25 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
10/26 (Thu)	5:30pm	Village Regular Council Meeting Islamorada, Village of Islands	Founders Park CC (87000 O/S Hwy)
10/26 (Wed)	6:00pm	Marathon City Code Board Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
10/27 (Thu)	9:30am	KCB City Commission Meeting	City Hall, Key Colony Beach
11/8 (Tue)	9:30am	CEB	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)

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11/8 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
11/9 (Wed)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
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11/16-11/17 (Wed/Thu)	9:00am	BOCC	Nelson Gov. Center (102050 /S Hwy, Key Largo)
11/16 (Wed)	6:00pm	Marathon City Code Board Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
11/21 (Mon)	5:30pm	Marathon City Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
11/22 (Tue)	10:00am	Marathon City Council Meeting Staff Agenda Briefing Workshop	Marathon Fire Station #14 (8900 O/S Hwy)
11/22 (Tue)	5:30pm	Marathon City Council Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
11/23 (Wed)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
11/24 & 11/25/11 (THU & FRI) ALL COUNTY & CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING			
12/1 (Thu)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
12/13 (Tue)	10:00am	MC Planning Commission Meeting	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)
12/14-12/15 (Wed/Thu)	9:00am	BOCC	Marathon Gov. Center (2798 O/S Hwy, 2 nd Floor)

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