



**ALACHUA COUNTY
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BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS

Dear Homeowner, Property Owner, and/or Tenant:

Please be advised that the Florida Building Code requires that a building permit must be obtained and that a final inspection must be approved for the construction work about to be done by your contractor in Alachua County. It is in your best interest for you to make sure that when you are hiring a contractor to confirm that they are properly licensed and insured in the governmental jurisdiction where they are doing the work. This requirement is done in the interest of public safety and protects you as the homeowner, property owner, or tenant. It also protects the contractor and assures that the work is done safely and completed according to all building code requirements.

Once your work is completed or equipment installed, your contractor will call for a final inspection to be done by the Alachua County Growth Management Department, Office of Codes Enforcement. Building Inspectors, certified by the State of Florida, will conduct the inspection to ensure compliance with the building code and certify the installation or construction is safe for use or occupancy. The Alachua County Office of Codes Enforcement will schedule either a morning or afternoon appointment at your contractor's request, to do the inspection, whichever is most convenient for you. Please coordinate with your contractor and note that such inspection will require someone to be present to provide access to the interior of the structure.

Failure to obtain a building permit for work done or failure to receive a final inspection within 180 days will result in not only an expired permit recorded on the subject property, but also additional fees for permit renewal as well. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated in this process to make the construction improvements in Alachua County safe and in compliance with applicable codes.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 352-338-3284.

Sincerely,

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