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## CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTIONS / WORK DESCRIPTIONS

*Certificate* means the act of obtaining or holding a certificate of competency from the board as provided in this article.

*Certificate* or *certificate of competency* means the license issued by the county contractor competency board as provided in this article.

*Contractor* means the person defined in F.S. § 489.105(3), as amended except as otherwise provided below.

(1)

*Demolition contractor* is a contractor whose scope of work is to demolish and remove structures, such as dwellings, commercial buildings and foundations.

(2)

*Fuel tank and pump contractor* is a specialty mechanical contractor qualified and certified to install, maintain, repair, alter or extend any system used for storing and dispensing of gasoline, kerosene, diesel oils and similar liquid hydrocarbon fuels and mixtures to be used solely in connection with gasoline filling stations dispensing fuel to mobile vehicles or marine equipment; provided, however, bulk plants shall not be a part of the scope of such work.

(3)

*Marine contractor* is a specialty contractor whose scope of work is to perform any work involving the construction, repair, alteration, extension and excavation for fixed docks, floating docks, boathouses, mooring devices, mooring fields, seawalls, bulkheads, revetments, piers, wharfs, boatlifts, boat ramps, cofferdams, wave attenuators, dune crossovers and other marine structures, including pile driving, framing, concrete, masonry, dredge and fill, and wood shingle, wood shakes, or asphalt or fiberglass shingle roofing on a new structure of his or her own construction. All work shall be done in such a manner as to comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable thereto.

(4)

*Pressure and process piping contractor* is a specialty mechanical contractor qualified and certified to install, maintain, repair, alter or extend any systems of piping, tubing, vessels, containers, pumps, apparatus and appurtenances, in connection with such pressure piping used for circulation, transporting, holding or processing of any gas, vapor, fluid, liquid, semi-liquid or any combination thereof;

provided, however, that boilers and boiler piping, as defined by the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, piping used to convey potable water, sanitary sewage, liquified petroleum, manufactured or natural gas or refrigeration, air conditioning, and comfort heating piping shall not be a part of the scope of such work.

(5)

*Sign erector contractor* is a contractor whose scope of work is limited to the construction, repair, and servicing of signs of 15 feet or higher. This work shall include, but not be limited to design, layout, excavation of any work incidental thereto, erection of steel as it pertains to the installation of signs, all in such a manner as to comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable thereto. The scope of work of such contractor shall include the installation of lighting as it pertains to signs, but shall not include direct connection to any source of electrical energy. Such connection work shall be subcontracted to a licensed electrical contractor.

(6)

*Solar contractor* is a specialty mechanical contractor whose contracting business consists of the execution of contracts requiring the skill, knowledge, ability and experience to size, install, alter, repair, maintain, relocate, replace or use residential domestic potable solar water heating systems to include heating panels and all appurtenances, apparatus or equipment used in connection therewith. The scope of work of such contractor is limited to solar domestic hot water systems for one-family, two-family, or three-family residences, not exceeding two stories in height and solar swimming pool heaters for residential swimming pools. The residential solar water heating contractor must subcontract any work for which a local certificate of competency is required unless such contractor is state certified in the respective trade category or is licensed in such category by the appropriate local authority.

Nothing in this definition shall be deemed to restrict or limit in any manner the legal authority of certified mechanical contractors, certified Class A and B air conditioning contractors, or certified plumbing contractors to install solar water heating systems.

(7)

*Specialty structure contractor* is a contractor whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skills necessary for the fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, dismantling, adjustment, alteration, repair, servicing and design work, when not prohibited by law, in accordance with accepted engineering data and/or according to manufacturers' specifications in the aluminum, metal, vinyl and fiberglass screening material construction trade. The scope of such work includes masonry concrete work and is limited to foundations, slabs and block kneewalls incidental

to the aluminum and allied materials construction work. The specialty contractor, whose services are limited, shall not perform any work that alters the structural integrity of the building including, but not limited to roof trusses, lintels, load bearing walls and foundations. The specialty contractor shall subcontract, with a licensed qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work incidental to that which is defined in this subsection but which is the work of a trade other than that of a specialty structure contractor.

(8)

*Steam generating boiler and boiler piping contractor* is a specialty mechanical contractor qualified to install, maintain, repair and service steam boilers and boiler piping, including the boiler auxiliary equipment, controls and steam actuated machinery such as, but not limited to: engines, pumps, prime movers, pressing machinery and dryer rolls but excluding comfort heating systems.

(9)

*Tower/antenna erector contractor* is a contractor whose scope of work is unlimited in the construction, repair and servicing of towers, in excess of 35 feet in height. This work shall include, but not be limited to design, layout, excavation of any work incidental thereto, erection of steel as it pertains to the installation of towers, installation of lighting on the tower, but shall not include direct connection to any source of electrical energy. All work shall be done in such a manner as to comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable thereto. No examination, registration or certification is required under this subsection for the sale, service or installation of towers under 35 feet in height.

(10)

*Lawn sprinkler plumber* is a contractor whose scope of work shall include and be limited to the installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, and extension of lawn sprinkler systems and the equipment, appliances, and apparatus used in connection therewith. A lawn sprinkler plumber may connect a sprinkler system to potable water sources. The scope of work and connections to any water source shall be in accordance with the Standard Plumbing Code.

(11)

*Garage door, window and siding installer* is a contractor whose scope of work is limited to the installation of garage doors, entry doors, windows, storm shutters, soffits and fascia and siding pursuant to all applicable building and wind codes. None of these may include structural modifications to any building or electrical wiring of any appliance other than a factory-installed electrical cord and plug to an existing outlet, or the low voltage controls and wiring for the safety shut-off and the operator control. For a period of six months following the effective date of this ordinance, a contractor who has performed this work may be granted a license upon application to, and approval of the contractor competency board. During this

six month period, such application must show at least two years of experience in the trade, and all other applicable requirements of division 3 of this article concerning contractor licensing. Following this six-month period, all requirements of division 3 of this article must be met.

(12)

*Retaining wall contractor* is a contractor whose scope is limited to the construction of retaining walls. This work shall include, but not be limited to, design, layout, excavation of any work incidental thereto, erection of any material used as a retaining wall, all in such a manner as to comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable thereto. Until such time as testing is available for this specialty, applicants may substitute proof of certification from at least two independent agencies, one of which shall be the National Concrete Masonry Association, as noted in Chapter 1806 of the Florida Building Code. The other agency shall be approved by the Escambia County Contractor Competency Board. All other applicable requirements of division 3 of this article concerning contractor licensing shall still apply. For a period of six months following the effective date of this ordinance, a contractor who has performed this work may be granted a license upon application to, and approval of the contractor competency board. Such application must show at least two years of experience in the trade, and all other applicable requirements of division 3 of this article concerning contractor licensing.

*Retaining wall* shall mean any segmented landscape wall, bulkhead or landscaping wall of masonry, poured concrete, or other material which is intended for the maintenance and control of stormwater, to assist in hillside stabilization, and/or to prevent damage to structures. For the purposes of permit requirements, a retaining wall shall not be considered structural and not require permitting or licensing where the wall is of less than 24 inches in wall height, measured from the bottom of the grade to the top of the wall. Multiple or tiered walls that are less than ten feet horizontally of each other will be considered aggregated to determine height. Walls that are more than ten feet horizontally will be considered individually. Any wall or tiered series of walls greater than 24 inches shall require permitting and proper licensure, and over 36 inches shall require permitting and engineered drawings. Proper licensure, for permitting of retaining walls shall mean a retaining wall contractor, general contractor, residential contractor, building contractor, specialty structure contractor for such walls that may be incidental to the aluminum and allied materials construction work, or a marine contractor for such walls below the mean high tide line.

(13)

*Master gas contractor* is a contractor whose scope of work is to include the design, installation, maintenance, repair and extension of natural gas piping, gas mains, lines, laterals appliances and related appurtenances. The scope of work

shall also include any work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines within buildings, disconnecting or reconnecting change-outs of liquefied petroleum or natural gas appliances within buildings. The scope of work shall apply to private property and public property, and shall include any excavation work incidental thereto. Such contractor shall subcontract with a qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work incidental to, but which is specified herein as being the work of the trade other than that of a master gas contractor.

Nothing in this definition shall be construed to require certification or registration under this part, of any authorized employee of a public natural gas utility or of a private natural gas utility regulated by the Public Service Commission when acting within the scope of their employment and in their official capacity when disconnecting and/or reconnecting gas lines in the servicing or replacement of an existing gas water heater.

(14)

*Vinyl siding installer* is a contractor whose scope of work is limited to the installation of vinyl siding, soffit, and associated vinyl trim. This scope includes installation of vinyl or aluminum coil stock trim fabricated to cover fascia, trim boards, posts and other decorative moldings. Minor insubstantial woodwork may be performed to repair the surface and provide a proper substrate for installation of the vinyl siding and any required underlayment. This scope of work does not include any structural repair or alterations, nor does this scope include any other type of siding. For a period of six months following the effective date of this ordinance, a contractor who has performed this work may be granted a license upon application to, and approval of, the contractor competency board. Such application must show at least two years of experience in the trade, and all other applicable requirements of division 3 of this article concerning contractor licensing. After six months from the effective date of this ordinance, no new vinyl siding installer licenses shall be issued, and this specialty shall be covered only by the garage door, window and siding installer license. All those holding an active vinyl siding installer license shall be permitted to renew said license, but should that license be allowed to lapse, or be suspended, revoked or otherwise not of an active status, that license shall not be renewed, and the entity must test and qualify for a garage door, window and siding installer license.

*\*Contractor competency board* means the county contractor board, unless the context otherwise specifies.

(15)

“Alarm system” means any electrical device, signaling device, or combination of electrical devices used to signal or detect a burglary, fire, robbery, or medical emergency.

(16)

“Alarm system contractor” means a person whose business includes the execution of contracts requiring the ability, experience, science, knowledge, and skill to lay out, fabricate, install, maintain, alter, repair, monitor, inspect, replace, or service alarm systems for compensation, including, but not limited to, all types of alarm systems for all purposes. This term also means any person, firm, or corporation that engages in the business of alarm contracting under an expressed or implied contract; that undertakes, offers to undertake, purports to have the capacity to undertake, or submits a bid to engage in the business of alarm contracting; or that by itself or by or through others engages in the business of alarm contracting.

(a) “Alarm system contractor I” means an alarm system contractor whose business includes all types of alarm systems for all purposes.

(b) “Alarm system contractor II” means an alarm system contractor whose business includes all types of alarm systems other than fire, for all purposes, except as herein provided.

(17)

“Board,” except “local board,” means the Electrical Contractors’ Licensing Board created by this part.

(18)

“Certificate” means a geographically unlimited certificate of competency issued by the department as provided in this part.

(19)

“Certificateholder” means a contractor who has obtained a certificate of competency.

(20)

“Certification” means the act of obtaining or holding a certificate of competency from the department as provided in this part.

(21)

“Certified alarm system contractor” means an alarm system contractor who possesses a certificate of competency issued by the department. The scope of certification is limited to alarm circuits originating in the alarm control panel and equipment governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 725, 760, 770, 800, and 810 of the National Electrical Code, Current Edition, and National Fire Protection Association Standard 72, Current Edition. The scope of certification for alarm system contractors also includes the installation, repair, fabrication, erection, alteration, addition, or design of electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances, thermostats, apparatus, raceways, and conduit, or any part thereof not to exceed 98 volts (RMS), when those items are for the purpose of transmitting data or proprietary video (satellite systems that are not part of a community antenna television or radio distribution system) or providing central vacuum capability or

electric locks; however, this provision governing the scope of certification does not create any mandatory licensure requirement.

(22)

“Certified electrical contractor” means an electrical contractor who possesses a certificate of competency issued by the department.

(23)

“Contracting” means, except where exempted in this part, engaging in business as a contractor or performing electrical or alarm work for compensation and includes, but is not limited to, performance of any of the acts found in subsections (2) and (12), which define the services which a contractor is allowed to perform. The attempted sale of contracting services and the negotiation or bid for a contract on these services also constitutes contracting. If the services offered require licensure or agent qualification, the offering, negotiation for a bid, or attempted sale of these services requires the corresponding licensure.

(24)

“Contractor” means a person who is qualified to engage in the business of electrical or alarm system contracting pursuant to a certificate or registration issued by the department.

(25)

“Department” means the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

(26)

“Electrical contractor” or “unlimited electrical contractor” means a person who conducts business in the electrical trade field and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, repair, alter, add to, or design, in compliance with law, electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances, apparatus, raceways, conduit, or any part thereof, which generates, transmits, transforms, or utilizes electrical energy in any form, including the electrical installations and systems within plants and substations, all in compliance with applicable plans, specifications, codes, laws, and regulations. The term means any person, firm, or corporation that engages in the business of electrical contracting under an express or implied contract; or that undertakes, offers to undertake, purports to have the capacity to undertake, or submits a bid to engage in the business of electrical contracting; or that does itself or by or through others engage in the business of electrical contracting.

(27)

“Local construction regulation board” or “local board” means a board, composed of not fewer than three residents of a county or municipality, which the governing body of that county or municipality may create and appoint to maintain the proper standard of construction of that county or municipality.

(28)

“Primary qualifying agent” means a person who possesses the requisite skill, knowledge, and experience, and has the responsibility, to supervise, direct, manage, and control the electrical or alarm system contracting activities of the business organization with which he or she is connected; and whose technical and personal qualifications have been determined by investigation and examination as provided in this part by the department, as attested to by the board; and who has been issued a certificate of competency by the department.

(29)

“Secondary qualifying agent” means a person who possesses the requisite skill, knowledge, and experience, and has the responsibility to supervise, direct, manage, and control the electrical or alarm system contracting activities on a job for which he or she has obtained a permit; and whose technical and personal qualifications have been determined by investigation and examination as provided in this part by the department, as attested to by the board; and who has been issued a certificate of competency by the department.

(30)

“Registered electrical contractor” means an electrical contractor who has registered with the department pursuant to fulfilling the competency requirements in the jurisdiction for which the registration is issued. A registered electrical contractor may contract only in the jurisdiction for which his or her registration is issued.

(31)

“Registration” means registration with the department as provided in this part.

(32)

“Registrant” means a person who has registered with the department pursuant to the requirements of this part.

(33)

“Specialty contractor” means a contractor whose scope of practice is limited to a specific segment of electrical or alarm system contracting established in a category adopted by board rule, including, but not limited to, residential electrical contracting, maintenance of electrical fixtures, and fabrication, erection, installation, and maintenance of electrical advertising signs together with the interrelated parts and supports thereof.

(34)

“Registered alarm system contractor I” means an alarm system contractor whose business includes all types of alarm systems for all purposes and who is registered with the department pursuant to s. 489.513. A registered alarm system contractor I may contract only in the jurisdictions for which his or her registration is issued.



(35)

“Licensure” means any type of certification or registration provided for by statute or local ordinance.