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To: Valued Customers

From: Kathleen Croteau, Building Official

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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UPCOMING CODE CHANGES FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Mandatory Blower Door testing is required for New Construction on Residential buildings or dwelling units. Florida Energy Conservation Building Code R101.4.9

Testing shall be conducted by either individuals as defined in Section 553.993(5) or (7), Florida Statutes or individuals licensed as set forth in Section 489.105(3)(f), (g), or (i) or an *approved* third party.

Who is qualified to perform the test:

1. Individuals defined under FS 553.993 (5) or (7)
 - Energy Auditor or Energy Rater
 - Currently Certified through RESNET or BUILDING PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE
2. Individuals licensed under FS 489.105(3)(f),(g)or(i); who have received proper training and certification in blower testing methods and procedures.
 - Class A Air Conditioning Contractor
 - Class B Air Conditioning Contractor
 - Mechanical Contractor
3. Approved Third Party- to be approved by the Sarasota County Building Official submit to the office:
 - Proof of licensure and/or certification
 - Proof of workman's compensation insurance or exemption
 - Provide proof of liability insurance

Blower Door Testing reports shall be signed by the qualified individual that conducted the test.

****REPORT TEST RESULTS MUST BE ONSITE FOR ALL FINAL INSPECTIONS.****

Submit the test results with the Final Inspection Paperwork Checklist.