



PINELLAS COUNTY CONSTRUCTION LICENSING BOARD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS REGARDING RENEWALS

At a meeting of the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board on March 15, 2021, the following rule changes were adopted unanimously by the Board:

(Emphasis added)

Rule 11.07: Compliance with Final Order

- a. In cases where the Board or Special Magistrate impose a civil penalty for violation of Chapter 75-489, Laws of Florida, as amended, or Chapter 489, Florida Statutes, or of the rules promulgated thereunder, the penalty shall be paid within thirty (30) days of imposition, unless a later time for payment is specified in the order or the licensee contracts with the Board to participate in and honor the Board's Partial Payments Plan.

Moreover, unless otherwise addressed by the Board at hearings held pursuant to 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, whenever a civil penalty is levied at said hearing the respondent who is disciplined shall have all licensure to practice contracting suspended with the imposition of the suspension being stayed for thirty (30) days. **If the ordered civil penalty is paid within said thirty (30) day period, the suspension imposed shall not take effect.**

If the licensee does not pay the civil penalty, within said period, then immediately upon expiration of the stay, the licensee shall have all licensure to practice contracting suspended.

In the event that the licensee's license is not or has not been suspended and the penalty remains unpaid, and the licensee has not otherwise contracted with the Board to participate in and honor the Board's Partial Payments Plan, **the licensee shall be prevented from renewing his/her license.**

If the civil penalty (or penalties, as the case may be) remain unpaid as of the license expiry date and the licensee has not contracted to participate in and honor the Board's Partial Payments Plan and fulfilled the terms of the payment agreement, **the licensee shall have all licensure immediately suspended without additional notice.**

- b. Failure to pay the civil penalty within the time specified in this rule or in the Board's Order shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action against the licensee. **Suspension of a licensee's license or registration shall always incur a Reinstatement Fee as established by the Board.**