

BUILDING OFFICIALS ROUNDTABLE FOLLOWUP 12/15/23

- **State Certified Contractor Doug King (I-CGC1520433, King Contracting Inc)**
 - Mr. King shared with everyone his suggestions for improvements in permitting processes, notifying contractors of expiring permits, scheduling inspections, managing fire inspections. A copy of his hand-out is attached.
- **Pinellas County Utilities Private Sewer Lateral Program**
 - Presentation attached. For more information, contact Steve Allen, Engineering Specialist Supervisor, sallen@pinellas.gov or 727-464-8418 or visit <https://pinellas.gov/programs/private-sewer-lateral-program>
- **Marine Specialty Contractor permits**
 - Marine Specialty Contractor Doug Speeler, Speeler Foundations – shared the opinions of his insurance company and attorney regarding Marine Specialty Contractors acting as prime contractors or having electrical contractors attached to his building permit(s). Mr. Speeler also shared his concerns regarding the requirement for all contractors (including electrical) working on or over water to have USL&H (Longshoreman's Insurance). A copy of Mr. Speeler's handout is attached.
 - The PCCLB is investigating whether electrical contractors are also required to have USL&H.
 - Mr. Speeler is seeking a countywide policy regarding marine specialty contractors acting as prime contractors, adding electrical permits to a marine building permit, expiration of permits when electrical finals have not been completed, and final inspections.
 - Pinellas County Municipal Code 26-91 states "A contractor **shall subcontract** the electrical, mechanical, plumbing, sheet metal, roofing, commercial swimming pool, and air conditioning work if an examination for a certificate of competency or a license is required for such work, unless the contractor holds a certificate of competency or license in such classification."
 - 489.113(3) states: "A contractor **shall subcontract** all electrical, mechanical, plumbing, roofing, sheet metal, swimming pool, and air-conditioning work, unless such contractor holds a state certificate or registration in the respective trade category..."
 - The PCCLB will suspend issuing expired permit violations to marine specialty contractors when a final inspection has not been completed due to delays caused by or related to an electrical contractor until this issue is resolved or June 30, 2024 whichever is earlier.
 - Please continue to send these expired permits to us; we will hold those that meet the conditions above. All others will be processed as usual.
 - We have presented several options to Mr. Speeler that he may wish to pursue in order to get the full and final determination he is seeking. These options include: making a formal appeal of a building official decision to the PCCLB, petitioning the CILB, BOAF or the Attorney General for a declaratory statement or binding interpretation. An appeal of a decision of a building official to the PCCLB is governed under 75-489, The Special Act, as amended.
 - He may choose to pursue other options, of course.
- **USL&H insurance for inspectors**
 - The question was raised whether inspectors (government employees or private providers) are required to have USL&H or Jones Act insurance to inspect on/over water. We have confirmed with Pinellas County Risk Management that the County carries USL&H and Jones Act coverage for all county employees working on docks and while

operating vessels. **You may want to confirm with your own insurance manager that your inspectors have the same protection. NOTE: private provider inspectors require this same insurance.**

- **PCCLB - Proposed Changes to 75-489, The Special Act**
 - As of our meeting date, legislation had not yet been filed
 - [Information is available on the County website](#)

Thank you to everyone who attended in person. Your participation is invaluable.

**Next meeting: Friday, February 16, 2024, 9 AM – 11 AM, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater.
Please plan to attend in person.**

For future reference: we will limit guest speakers to 15 minutes. 😊

**Submit suggested agenda items by February 9 by email to Cheryl Leyenaar,
caleyenaar@pinellas.gov.**