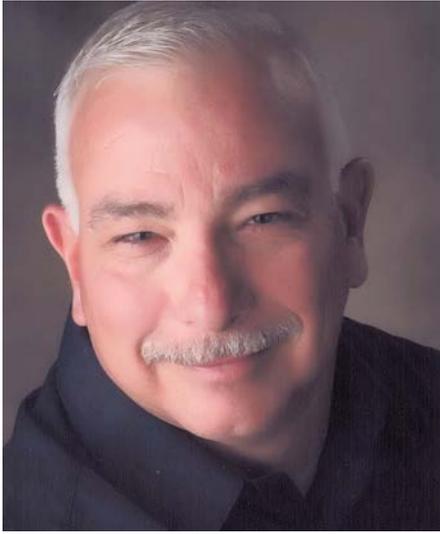


Do You Know?

“Why Does the City of Sanibel have a Contractor Review Board?” and “What is their Function?”



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This is the first in a series of educational articles promulgated by City of Sanibel Building Official, R. Harold Law Jr. Today’s article explains, “Why Does the City of Sanibel have a Contractor Review Board?” and “What is the Board’s Make-up and Function?”

On May 18, 2004, the City of Sanibel adopted Ordinance 04-005 that established our local contractor licensing process and established the Contractor Review Board as mandated by Florida State Chapter 489. Since 2004 any contractor working on Sanibel NOT certified by the State of Florida is required to obtain a City of Sanibel Contractor Competency License to work within the municipality. The law establishes 3 different tiers of contractors to accommodate the different technical knowledge required by each trade.

The Contractor Review Board has 9 members: Three citizens at-large, an Architect, an Engineer, licensed contractors in Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical. The Board is responsible for reviewing all licensing requests and complaints of Building Code compliance by licensed contractors. All Board meetings are open to the public, the Board meets at 4 pm on the first Thursday of each month at Sanibel City Hall, 800 Dunlop Road.

The Board evaluates the complaints for merit and severity of violation. The Board has the authority to levy fines and restrict permitting privileges. The Contractor Review Board does NOT have the authority to review civil matters between an owner and their contractor such as contract disputes, aesthetics or quality issues.

You can find a list of contractors licensed to work on Sanibel at www.mysanibel.com/Departments/Building/Licensed-Contractors. The City of Sanibel Building Department is always available to assist residents, property owners and contractors to answer questions regarding the Building Code, the permitting process and the Contractor Review Board. The Department can be reached at san.bld@mysanibel.com or 239-472-4555.