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1		ORDINANCE NO. 2014 -
2	2	AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
3		PERTAINING TO CONTRACTORS; AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE BROWARD COUNTY
4		CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE"), "CONTRACTORS"; CREATING A NEW DEFINITION AND CONTRACTOR
5		CATEGORIES AND CLARIFYING EXISTING CATEGORIES; ESTABLISHING NEW VIOLATION;
6		AMENDING ENFORCEMENT PROCESS AND PENALTIES FOR UNLICENSED CONTRACTING VIOLATIONS;
7		MODIFYING DISTRIBUTION OF FINES FOR UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR ENFORCEMENT FUND
8		AND CENTRAL EXAMINING BOARDS RESTITUTION TRUST FUND; MODIFYING THE PROCESS FOR MAKING
9		CLAIMS FROM THE RESTITUTION TRUST FUND; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE
10		CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
11		(Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners)
12	BE I	T ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
13	BROWARD	COUNTY, FLORIDA:
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15	Section	on 1. Chapter 9 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances,
16	"Contractors	," Article I, "Certificates of Competency," Division 1, "Scope and
17	Application,'	Section 9-3, is hereby amended to read as follows:
18	Sec. 9-3.	Definitions.
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20	<u>(28)</u>	Prime contractor shall mean the contractor who has a contract with the
21		owner of a project or job and who has the full responsibility for its
22		completion.
23	<del>(28)</del> <u>(29)</u>	Qualifying agent shall mean and refer to an individual who possesses the
24		requisite skill, knowledge, and experience and has the responsibility to

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supervise, direct, manage, and control the activities of a business entity or contractor engaged in an occupation regulated by this chapter and who has a current valid certificate of competency issued by the board for the activities to be conducted or conducted by the business entity or contractor. Such an individual may qualify a business entity, individually, or as a sole proprietorship.

- (29) (30) Registered contractor shall mean any contractor who has registered with the <u>Ss</u>tate of Florida, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to fulfilling the competency requirements of the board.
- (30) (31) Remodel or remodeling shall mean to make over in configuration or style, reconstruct, renew, renovate, recreate, repair, or partial construction work performed within an existing structure.
- (31) (32) Repeat violation shall mean a recurring violation of a provision of this chapter by an uncertified contractor whom a hearing officer has previously found to have violated the same provision, or an uncertified contractor against whom penalties were assessed for the same provision, within five (5) years prior to the violation. For Broward County certified contractors, a repeat violation is any violation on which disciplinary action is being taken where the board made findings of fact that a violation had occurred against the same certificate holder within five (5) years prior to the violation, or a repeat violation as defined by Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, as amended.

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1	<del>(32)</del> <u>(33)</u>	Respondent shall mean the individual or the business organization against
2		which a complaint has been filed.
3	<del>(33)</del> <u>(34)</u>	Serve shall mean to provide notice required by this chapter to the alleged
4		violator pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 9-16.
5	<del>(34)</del> <u>(35)</u>	Specialty contractor shall mean and refer to any contractor whose scope
6		of work, experience, knowledge, and skill is limited to a particular craft or
7		trade associated with and included within an occupation or trade regulated
8		by this chapter.
9	<del>(35)</del> <u>(36)</u>	Subcontractor shall mean any individual or business organization who,
10		contracts with a contractor to perform all or part of the contractor's work.
11	<del>(36)</del> <u>(37)</u>	Structure shall mean that which is built or constructed, or any piece of
12		work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some
13		definite manner, the use of which requires more or less permanent
14		location on the ground, or which is attached to something having a
15		permanent location on the ground.
16	<del>(37)</del> <u>(38)</u>	Trade shall mean and include, but not be limited to, the construction,
17		renovation, alteration, remodeling, repair, removal, extension, or
18		demolition of buildings and structures; plumbing, electrical, mechanical,
19		and liquefied petroleum gas systems; engineered construction; and any
20		similar work associated or connected with the construction industry.
21	<del>(38)</del> <u>(39)</u>	Trainee shall mean and refer to any individual who performs work or labor
22		in any trade or occupation regulated by this chapter, and who has not
23		been certified to work in such trade or occupation by the board or the state
24		of Florida, Department of Business and Professional Regulation,
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1	(7)	Contract, advertise as capable of performing, or perform any work which is
2		not within the description or the category or class for which the contractor
3		or the business organization has been certified by the board. This part
4		does not prevent any registered contractor from acting as a prime
5		contractor where the majority of the work to be performed under the
6		contract is within the scope of the contractor's certificate or from
7		subcontracting to other certified contractors that remaining work which is
8		part of the project contracted;
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10	(32)	Commit cheating on the examination for certification pursuant to this
11		chapter; <del>or</del>
12	(33)	Be found by a jurisdiction outside of Broward County to have committed
13		unlicensed contracting-; or
14	(34)	Subcontract any work to a person, firm, or business organization which
15		does not hold an active certificate for the work involved in the subcontract.
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17	Section	on 4. Section 9-28 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
18	amended to	read as follows:
19	Sec. 9-28.	Penalties and disciplinary actions.
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21	<del>(e)</del>	If the offense is a minor violation, as set forth below, the chief investigator
22	for the board	I shall issue a Notice of Noncompliance. A Notice of Noncompliance may
23	be utilized fo	r an initial offense of a minor violation where it is reasonable to assume that
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the violator was unaware of the provisions of this chapter or if the violator was unclear as to how to comply with the provisions of this chapter.

- (1) Minor violations which do not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect the public health, safety, and welfare, or create a significant threat of such harm, are:
  - a. Failure to maintain a current certificate of insurance to the board.
  - b. Failure to include the licensee's certificate number on an advertisement, offer of services, proposal, bid, or contract.
  - e. Failure to inform the board of a change of address.
  - d. Failure to register with the State of Florida, Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
  - e. Failure to obtain a final inspection.
- The designation of violations as minor is limited to initial violations in which corrective action is commenced within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of a Notice of Noncompliance. The violation must be corrected within fifteen (15) days, then corrective action must be commenced within fifteen (15) days, then corrective action must be commenced within fifteen (15) days and the certificate holder must proceed with due diligence to complete the corrective action. Nothing herein shall restrict the board from seeking full prosecution in such instances where aggravating circumstances are present.
- (f) (e) The board may take disciplinary action against a registered contractor. The board shall issue a recommended penalty for State Construction Industry Licensing Board or Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board action. The recommended penalty may include a recommendation for no further action, suspension, revocation, or

restriction of the registration, a fine to be levied by the applicable State board, or a combination thereof.

- (g) (f) Circumstances which may be considered for the purposes of mitigation or aggravation of penalties shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (h) (g) In cases where a civil penalty, restitution, or administrative costs have been imposed, such amounts shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the rendition of the order, unless a different time period is specified in the board's order. Failure to pay the above amounts within the time specified shall be grounds for further disciplinary action, including revocation or suspension of contractor's certificate of competency, civil penalties, restitution, or the levying of administrative costs.
- (i) (h) Penalties assessed shall be cumulative and consecutive unless otherwise determined by the board.
- Section 5. Article II, "Plumbing and Specialty Plumbing Contractors,"

  Section 9-55, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read
  as follows:

### Sec. 9-55. Specialty plumbing categories.

(a) Lawn Sprinkler Plumber Irrigation Specialty Contractor: A lawn sprinkler plumber's scope of work shall include, and be limited to, the installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, and extension of lawn sprinkling systems and the equipment, appliances, and apparatus used in connection therewith. An irrigation specialty contractor is a contractor whose contracting business consists of the execution of contracts requiring the experience, financial means, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, alter, extend, manage, monitor, audit, or, if not prohibited by law,

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design irrigation systems. An irrigation specialty contractor may install, maintain, repair, alter, extend, manage, monitor, audit, or, if not prohibited by law, design irrigation systems, including any excavation work incidental thereto. An irrigation system includes all piping, fittings, sprinklers, drip irrigation products, valves, irrigation controllers, control wiring, rain sensors, water pumps, water conservation devices, water harvesting systems, irrigation main lines downstream of a utility potable water meter or utility alternative water supply distribution line and dedicated backflow prevention device, and associated components installed for the delivery and application of water for the purpose of irrigation. A lawn sprinkler plumber An irrigation specialty contractor shall not drill wells or connect any sprinkler irrigation systems to potable water sources. Sprinkler and irrigation systems used for or in connection with agriculture are not included within the scope of work of a lawn sprinkler plumber an irrigation specialty contractor. In order to be eligible to be certified as a lawn sprinkler plumber an irrigation specialty contractor, the applicant shall have at least one (1) year four (4) years of practical experience in the lawn sprinkler irrigation trade.

(b) Other Specialty Categories: All plumbing specialty certificates of competency, except lawn sprinkler plumber irrigation specialty contractor and gasfitter certificates of competency, shall not be effective after January 1, 1994. As of July 23, 1993, Broward County will not issue any further certificates of competency for gasfitters. All current certificates of competency for gasfitters shall remain in effect until the certificate holder dies, does not renew the certificate of competency, or the certificate of competency is revoked by the board in a disciplinary proceeding. All other plumbing work shall require either a master plumber certificate of competency or a state of Florida plumbing contractor certificate.

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Section 6. Article III of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, "Electrical and Specialty Electrical Contractors," Section 9-65, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-65. Specialty electrical categories.

(k) Solar Photovoltaic Systems Specialty Journeyman. A solar photovoltaic systems specialty journeyman shall be a person whose scope of practice is limited to the installation of new, or replacement of, existing power and control wiring in photovoltaic (PV) source circuits, PV output circuits, battery storage systems circuits, and power conditioning units, excluding any other type of solar system. In an interactive system that operates parallel with a primary source of electrical energy, this work is limited to the PV supply side of the power conditioning unit. In a standalone or nongrid connected system, the work above-referenced shall be limited to the PV supply side of the power conditioning unit and shall not include wiring integral to the building premises. All work shall be done in accordance with the National Electrical Code edition in effect at the date of application for an electrical permit. A solar photovoltaic systems specialty journeyman shall work under the supervision and direction of a master electrician or electrical contractor and shall not be eligible to act as a qualifying agent for business organizations. In order for an applicant to be certified as a solar photovoltaic systems specialty journeyman, the applicant shall have at least three (3) years of practical experience in the solar photovoltaic industry and shall meet all state-required criteria. The board may, in its sole discretion, consider a person's formal or vocational education as practical experience in the trade.

(I) Additional Specialty Categories. The board shall have the power and authority to establish, create, and abolish, by resolution of the board, such additional specialty electrical classes, categories, and levels of certification as it may deem necessary.

Section 7. Article IV of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, "General and Specialty Building Contractors," Section 9-75, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-75. Limited specialty building contractor categories.

(h) Elevator Installation and Maintenance Category—Class "E": The scope of work of a Class "E" specialty building contractor shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, and extension of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and conveyors or any vertical conveyance. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "E" specialty building contractor by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the category.

(k) Glazing Category—Class "G": The scope of work of a Class "G" specialty building contractor shall include and be limited to the fabrication, installation, and attachment of all types of windows, whether fixed or movable; the installation of swinging or sliding glass doors to existing building walls or columns; the installation of glass-holding or supporting mullions, or horizontal bars which are attached to existing building walls or columns; and the cutting and installation of glass and mirrors. For purposes of this category, swinging doors shall mean glass doors that are part of the assembly of a storefront. A The scope of work of a Class "G" specialty building contractor may shall also include the installation of metal accessories and prefabricated

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glass, metal, or plastic curtain walls or panels; caulking incidental to all such work; and fabrication and installation of shower and tub enclosure doors and metal fascias. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "G" specialty building contractor by the board, the applicant shall have at least three (3) years of practical experience in the category.

Section 8. Section 9-76 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-76. Specialty masonry categories.

(i) Pavers—Class "PV": The scope of work of a Class "PV" specialty building contractor shall include and be limited to preparing the base, providing for proper drainage, and selecting, cutting, and laying pavers. A Class "PV" specialty building contractor shall not pour or finish concrete, except for footings required for the placing of the paver system. In order to be eligible to be certificated as a Class "PV" specialty building contractor, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the category. A Class "PV" specialty building contractor shall not do work in the right of way unless an approval to do work in the right of way is granted by the Central Examining Board of Engineered Construction Trades.

Section 9. Article V, "Engineered Construction Contractors," Section 9-94, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and new sections are created to read as follows:

Sec. 9-94. Category 1<u>A</u>—Specialty engineered utility and drainage <u>system</u> builders.

- (a) Primary Pipelines (Water, Sewer, Drainage) Underground Utility & Excavation Contractor—Class "1A-A." The scope of work of a Class "1A-A" engineered utility and drainage system builder shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, extension, and excavation for water and waste water piping systems, storm and drainage systems, and the installation of force mains, pumping stations, and pipeline equipment, junction boxes, manholes, inlets, appurtenances, including catch basins, manholes, valves, and similar equipment incidental thereto, in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. The work of a Class "1A-A" engineered utility and drainage system builder shall stop at a point five (5) feet from a building or structure not specifically constructed or intended to be used for the purpose of pumping or processing water, waste water, or drainage. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "1A-A" engineered utility and drainage system builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) six (6) years of practical experience in the class.
- (b) Secondary Pipelines Utility & Excavation Contractor (Water, Sewer, Drainage Incidental to Parking Lots Outside of Publicly-Maintained Right-Of-Way)—Class "1A-B." The scope of work of a Class "1A-B" engineered utility and drainage system builder shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, extension, and excavation for water and waste water piping systems, storm and drainage systems incidental to parking lots, being limited to soakage pits and drywells and similar equipment appurtenances incidental thereto (manholes, conflict structures, catch basins, etc.), outside an improved publicly-maintained right-of-way or, if incidental and related to, within the publicly-maintained right-of-way, in compliance with the building code and other applicable

codes and regulations. The work of a Class "1A-B" engineered utility and drainage system builder shall stop at a point five (5) feet from a building or other structure not specifically constructed or intended to be used for the purpose of pumping or processing water, waste water, or drainage. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "1A-B" engineered utility and drainage system builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.

- (c) Jack and Bore Installer—Class "1A-C." The scope of work of a Class "1A-C" engineered utility system builder shall be limited to the construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, extension, and excavation for public and private underground crossings, being limited to the jacking and boring of casing sections, including the welding of sections, proper pit excavations, and dewatering, in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof, and in compliance with applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "1A-C" engineered utility system builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.
- (d) Pipeline Rehabilitation—Class "1A-D." The scope of work of a Class "1A-D" engineered utility system builder shall be limited to the cleaning and video inspection of potable water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer pipelines and components incidental thereto; chemical grouting of pipelines and associated structures; manhole-to-manhole lining of potable water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer pipelines: in situ point repairs of pipelines; sanitary sewer and storm sewer structural rehabilitation; and other rehabilitation and repair methods and technologies requiring minor or no excavation to complete, in compliance with applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "1A-D" engineered utility

system builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.

- (e) <u>Directional Drilling—Class "1A-E."</u> The scope of work of a Class "1A-E" engineered utility system builder shall include the installation of pipelines and conduits through the use of directional drilling methods and technologies. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "1A-E" engineered utility system builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.
- (f) Pipe Bursting—Class "1A-F." The scope of work of a Class "1A-F" engineered utility system builder shall include the installation of pipelines and conduits through the use of pipe bursting methods and technologies. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "1A-F" engineered utility system builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.

# Sec. 9-94.1 Category 1B—Specialty engineered facility builders.

(e) Plant Construction (Water Treatment, Sewage Treatment, Industrial Complexes, Pump and Lift Stations, Incinerators)—Class "C." "1B." The scope of work of a Class "C" "1B" engineered utility and drainage facility builder shall include and be limited to the construction of facilities, buildings, and structures which are designed or intended to be used as water and waste water treatment plants, pumping and lift stations, incinerators, or industrial complexes; and the installation of all piping, equipment, appurtenances, and apparatus used in connection therewith, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. The work of a Class "1B" engineered facility builder shall stop at a point five (5) feet outside the facility, building, or structure. A Class "C" "1B" engineered utility and drainage facility builder shall not perform any

electrical work required to be performed by a master electrician. A Class "C" engineered utility and drainage builder may perform such work of a Class "E" engineered structural builder as may be necessary and incidental to the work of a Class "C" engineered structural builder. In order to be eligible to receive certification as a Class "C" "1B" engineered utility and drainage facility builder, the applicant shall have at least four (4) six (6) years of practical experience in the class.

# <u>Sec. 9-94.2</u> <u>Category 1C—Engineered specialty transmission & distribution builders.</u>

(d) (a) Fuel Transmission and Distribution Lines—Class "D." "1C-A." The scope of work of a Class "D" "1C-A" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, extension, and excavation for transmission and distribution lines for liquid or gaseous fuels under pressure, including pumping and booster stations, valves, meters, and similar equipment and components incidental thereto, in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. A Class "D" engineered utility and drainage builder may restore pavement, roadway, and walkway surfaces excavated or removed in the course of the work of a Class "D" engineered utility and drainage builder. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "D" "1C-A" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) six (6) years of practical experience in the class.

(e) (b) Underground and Aerial Utility Transmission and Distribution Lines—Class "E." "1C-B." The scope of work of a Class "E" "1C-B" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder shall include and be limited to the

construction, installation, repair, alteration, extension, and excavation for underground and aerial electrical and communication transmission lines, manholes, splice pits, and laying of rigid conduit incidental thereto; concrete block, concrete work, and backfill necessary or incidental thereto; and the restoration of pavement and roadway and walkway surfaces excavated or removed in the course of this work, in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "E" "1C-B" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.

(f) (c) Feeder Distribution Interface (FDI Telephone Boxes) Installer—Class "F." "1C-C." The scope of work of a Class "F" "1C-C" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder shall include and be limited to the installation of feeder distribution interface cabinets to provide telephone company employees an access point as the interface between the feeder and distribution cable to interconnect feeder and distribution pairs. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "F" feeder distribution interface (FDI) installer "1C-C" engineered specialty transmission & distribution builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) three (3) years of practical experience in the class.

(g) (d) Cable Television—Class "G." "1C-D." The scope of a Class "G" "1C-D" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, repair, alteration, extension, and excavation for public and private cable television and similar communications systems, being limited to transmission and distribution lines, including valves, meters, and similar equipment and components incidental thereto, in compliance with the building code and

other applicable codes and regulations. A Class "G" engineered utility and drainage builder may restore pavement, readway, and walkway surfaces excavated or removed in the course of the work of a Class "G" engineered utility and drainage builder. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "G" "1C-D" engineered utility and drainage specialty transmission & distribution builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) three (3) years of practical experience in the class.

- (h) Jack and Bore Installer—Class—"H."—The scope of work of a Class—"H" engineered utility and drainage builder shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, extension, and excavation for public and private underground crossings, being limited to the jacking—and boring of casing sections, including the welding of sections, proper pit excavations, and dewatering, in accordance with the plans—and—specifications thereof, and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class—"H" engineered utility—and drainage—builder—by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.
- (i) Limited to Irrigational Systems in the Public Right of Way—Class "I." The scope of work of a Class "I" engineered utility and drainage builder shall include and be limited to the construction, installation, repair, maintenance, alteration, extension, and excavation for irrigational piping systems. A Class "I" engineered utility and drainage builder shall not drill wells or connect any sprinkler systems to potable water sources. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "I" engineered utility and drainage builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.

Section 10. Section 9-95 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

# Sec. 9-95. Category 2—Specialty engineered structural builders.

- (a) Heavy Marine (Harbor Facilities, Docks, Shipyards, Bulkheads, Retaining Walls, Seawalls, Dams, Locks)—Class "A." The scope of work of a Class "A" engineered structural builder shall include the construction, alteration, and repair of bridges, tunnels, overpasses, harbor facilities, docks, shipyards, bulkheads, retaining walls, seawalls, dams, locks, and similar structures, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. A Class "A" engineered structural builder may perform all work and activities of all other engineered structural building builder classes. A Class "A" engineered structural builder may excavate, pave, and do concrete work which is necessary and incidental to the work of a Class "A" engineered structural builder. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "A" engineered structural builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) six (6) years of practical experience in the engineered structural builder category.
- (b) Bridges, Overpasses, Underpasses—Class "B." The scope of work of a Class "B" engineered structural builder shall include and be limited to the construction, repair, and excavation for bridges, overpasses, and underpasses, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor not crossing water, and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. A Class "B" engineered structural builder may do such excavation, paving, concrete work, and work of a Class "E" engineered structural builder as may be necessary and incidental to the work of a Class "B" engineered structural builder. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class

"B" engineered structural builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of <u>practical</u> experience in the class.

- (c) Tunnels—Class—"C."—The scope of work of a Class—"C" engineered structural builder shall include and be limited to the construction, repair, and excavation for tunnels and all paving and concrete work incidental thereto, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class—"C" engineered structural builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.
- (d) Light Marine (Seawalls, Retaining Walls, Davits, Boat Lifts, Small Docks)—Class "D." "C." The scope of work of a Class "D." "C" engineered structural builder shall include and be limited to the construction, repair, alteration, extension, and excavation for seawalls, retaining walls, davits, boat lifts, and small docks serving less than six (6) recreational vessels and less than fifty feet (50') in length. A Class "D" engineered structural builder may do such concrete work as may be necessary and incidental to the work of Class "D" engineered structural builder, in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "D" engineered structural builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.
- (e) (d) Pile Driving—Class "E." "D." The scope of work of a Class "E" "D" engineered structural builder shall include and be limited to the driving construction of piling systems, including sheet piling and the construction, formation, and excavation for foundations, the placing of reinforcing steel therein, and all concrete work necessary and incidental thereto, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in

compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "E" "D" engineered structural builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class.

Section 11. Section 9-96 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

# Sec. 9-96. Category 3—Specialty engineered paving road and surfacing builders.

- (a) Major Roads (Asphalt and Concrete Paving for Interstate, Primary, Secondary, and Arterial Roadways Within the Public Right-Of-Way, Bridges, and Airports and Work Incidental Thereto)—Class "A." The scope of work of a Class "A" engineered paving road builder shall include the construction of major roads, specifically, interstate, primary, secondary, and arterial roadways; repair, extension, surfacing, striping, pavement markings, and signage of roads, bridges, airport runways and aprons, parking lots, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters; and storm drainage facilities and any excavating, clearing, grading, milling, and concrete work necessary and incidental thereto, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. A Class "A" engineered paving road builder may perform all work and activities of all other engineered paving road and surfacing builders. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "A" engineered paving road builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) six (6) years of practical experience in the eategory class.
- (b) Minor Roads (Asphalt and Concrete Paving for Subdivision Facilities

  Roads Not Within a Public Right-of-Way and Privately-Owned Commercial and

  Residential Facilities and Work Incidental Thereto)—Class "B." The scope of work of a

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Class "B" engineered paving road builder shall include be limited to the construction of minor privately owned or, if incidental and related thereto within publicly owned roads, not included in Class "A," but to include bike paths, parking lots, and driveways, including the repair, extension, surfacing, striping, pavement markings, and signage of roads, airport runways and aprons, parking lots, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters; and storm drainage facilities and any excavating, clearing, grading, and concrete work necessary and incidental thereto, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. A Class "B" engineered road builder shall be permitted to perform associated incidental work within the public right-of-way, including the construction of driveways, entrances, turn lanes, curbing, and sidewalk. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "B" engineered paving road builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the eategory class.

(c) Concrete Driveways. Curbs, Gutters. Driveway Entrances, Sidewalks-Class "C." The scope of work of a Class "C" engineered paving road builder shall include and be limited to the construction, repair, grading, and excavation. striping, pavement markings, and signage for concrete driveways, curbs, gutters, driveway entrances, sidewalks, and other necessary, incidental, and related nonstructural concrete appurtenances, in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "C" engineered paving road builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class. A Class "C" engineered paving builder shall not be allowed to do work on patios unless such builder also has been issued a Concrete Placing and Finishing Category—Class "CP" certificate of competency.

- (d) Sealcoating—Class "D." The scope of work of a Class "D" engineered paving surfacing builder shall include and be limited to the application of prepared sealants to asphalt, roadways, driveways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and other similar surfaces, including incidental striping, pavement markings, and signage. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "D" engineered paving surfacing builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least one (1) year of practical experience in the class.
- (e) Surfacing (Tennis Courts, Bike Paths, Driveways, Parking Lots with Drainage Incidental Thereto Being Limited to Soakage Pits and Drywells)—Class "E." The scope of work of a Class "E" engineered paving builder shall include the construction, repair, extension, surfacing, striping, pavement markings, and signage of tennis courts, bike paths, driveways, and parking lots with drainage incident thereto, being limited to soakage pits and drywells, and any excavating, clearing, and grading work necessary and incidental thereto, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and in compliance with the building code and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "E" engineered paving builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the category.
- (f) Striping, Marking, and Signage of Major and Minor Roadways To Include Pavements—Class "F." "E." The scope of work of a Class "F" "E" engineered paving surfacing builder shall include the striping, marking, and signage of major and minor roadways, to include pavements, and parking lots. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "F" "E" engineered paving surfacing builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) three (3) years of practical experience in the class.

(g) (f) Interlocking Brick Pavers—Class "G": "F." The scope of work of a Class "G" "F" engineered paving surfacing builder shall include and be limited to preparing the base, providing for proper drainage, and to selecting, cutting, and laying interlocking brick. A Class "G" "F" engineered paving surfacing builder shall not pour or finish concrete, except that which is required for the placing of the interlocking brick system. In order for an applicant to be eligible to be certified as a Class "G" "F" engineered paving surfacing builder, the person shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the class. A Class "G" "F" engineered paving surfacing builder shall not be allowed to do work on patios unless such builder also has been issued an Interlocking Brick Pavers—Class "PV" certificate of competency.

Section 12. Section 9-97 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

## Sec. 9-97. Category 4—Specialty engineered earthwork builders.

(a) Excavating (Canals, Lakes, Levees)—Class "A." The scope of work of a Class "A" engineered earthwork builder shall include the excavation to obtain or remove materials such as clearing of land of surface debris and vegetation, grubbing of roots, removal of debris, and leveling of the surface lands, and the removal of muck, rock, gravel, and sand to construct or excavate canals, lakes, and levees, including the clearing of land of surface debris and vegetation; grubbing of roots; removal of debris; and leveling of the surface lands incidental and necessary thereto, in compliance with all environmental laws, the building code, and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "A" engineered earthwork builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) years of practical experience in the category class.

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engineered earthwork builder shall include and be limited to the clearing of surface debris and vegetation, including the grubbing of roots, the removal thereof, and the general leveling and grading of surface lands incidental thereto, in compliance with all environmental laws, the building code, and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "B" engineered earthwork builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) three (3) years of practical experience in the class.

(c) Dredging (Canals, Lakes, Waterways)—Class "C." The scope of work of a

Clearing and Grading-Class "B." The scope of work of a Class "B"

Class "C" engineered earthwork builder shall include and be limited to the dredging of canals, lakes, waterways, and other bodies of water and the removal thereform therefrom of debris and vegetation to reinstate the design cross section, in compliance with all environmental laws, the building code, and other applicable codes and regulations. In order to be eligible to be certified as a Class "C" engineered earthwork builder by the board, the applicant shall have at least four (4) three (3) years of experience in the class.

Section 13. Section 9-99 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-99. Trainees and job site personnel requirements.

(b) The board shall have the power and authority to establish job site personnel and supervision requirements for engineered construction builders and trainees. A job site may not necessarily be limited to a single building permit issued for a single family residence or location.

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Section 14. Article VI, "Mechanical and Specialty Mechanical Contractors," Section 9-102, of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 9-102. Qualifications for contractors.

- (a) Qualifications for Sheet Metal Contractor.
- (1) Sheet metal contractor means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the sheet metal trade and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill necessary for the manufacture, fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, dismantling, conditioning, adjustment, insulation, alteration, repair, servicing, or design, when not prohibited by law, of ferrous or nonferrous metal work of U.S. No. 10 gauge, or lighter gauge, or its equivalent or lighter gauge, and of other materials, including but not limited to fiberglass, used in lieu thereof, and of air-handling systems, including the setting of air-handling equipment and reinforcement of same, and including the balancing of air-handling systems and any duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing which requires at least a partial disassembling of the system.
- (b) Qualifications for Class A Air Conditioning Contractor.
- (1) Class A air conditioning contractor means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, central air conditioning, refrigeration,

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heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work in connection with a complete system only to the extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is necessary to make complete an air-distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems, and all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith; and any duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing which requires at least a partial disassembling of the system; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes, vessels, and ducts, pressure and process piping, and pneumatic control piping; to disconnect to or reconnect power wiring on the load side of the disconnect switch and low-voltage heating, ventilating, and air conditioning control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also include any excavation work incidental thereto, but shall not include any work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines within buildings, except for disconnecting or reconnecting changeouts of liquefied petroleum or natural gas appliances within buildings; potable water lines or connections thereto; sanitary sewer lines; swimming pool piping and filters; or electrical power wiring on the line side of the disconnect switch.

(c) Qualifications for Class B Air Conditioning Contractor.

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Class B air conditioning contractor means a contractor whose services are limited to twenty-five (25) tons of cooling and five hundred thousand (500,000) Btu of heating in any one (1) system in the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, central air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work in connection with a complete system only to the extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is necessary to make complete an air-distribution system being installed under this classification; and any duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing which requires at least a partial disassembling of the system; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law. piping and insulation of pipes, vessels, and ducts; to disconnect or reconnect power wiring on the load side of the disconnect switch and low-voltage heating, ventilating, and air conditioning control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also include any excavation work incidental thereto, but shall not include any work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines within buildings, except for disconnecting or reconnecting changeouts of liquefied petroleum or natural gas appliance within buildings; potable water lines or connections thereto;; sanitary sewer lines;; swimming pool piping and filters, or electrical power wiring on the line side of the disconnect switch.

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2	(e) Qualifications for Transport Assembly Contractor.
3	(1) Transport assembly contractor means a contractor whose services are
4	limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge,
5	and skill to install, maintain, repair, alter, and extend any system of
6	horizontal car wash conveyor assembly, including any vertical conveyors
7	attached to horizontal conveyor assemblies, and all appurtenances and
8	equipment necessary and incidental thereto. The scope of work for such
9	contractor shall not include any external plumbing or electrical systems.
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11	Section 15. Article VIII of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, "Uncertified
12	Contractors," Section 9-120, is hereby amended to read as follows:
13	Sec. 9-120. Uncertified contractors.
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15	(c) No uncertified or unregistered person associated with a contracting firm
16	qualified by a qualifying agent shall:
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18	(5) Fail to comply with the descriptive lettering requirements of Section 9-23
19	and Section 20-5.
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21	Section 16. Section 9-127 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
22	amended to read as follows:
23	Sec. 9-127. Schedule of Civil Penalties.
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1	The following table sets forth the code violations for which civil penalties may be										
. 2	cited under this chapter. The descriptions of violations are provided for purposes of										
3	gene	ral identificat	ion only.	Where	e specif	fic co	ode	provisions a	apply,	the same	are
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9	(1)	Falsely hole	d unlicens	sed per	son or	а					
10		business or	ganization	out as a	a license	ee,					
11		certificate	holder,	or	registra	nt.					
12		Subsection	9-120(b)(1)	)				\$ <del>500.00</del> <u>1</u> ,	000	\$ <del>500.00</del> <u>2,00</u>	00
13	(2)	Impersonate	a certif	ficate	holder	or					
14		registrant. S	Subsection	9-120(b	)(2)			500.00 <u>1,</u>	<u>000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,00</u>	<u>00</u>
15	(3)	Falsely pres	ent unlicer	nsed pe	erson as	а					
16		certified or	registered	contrac	tor und	ler					
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18		registration.	Subsectio	n 9-120	(b)(3)			500.00 <u>1,</u> 0	<u>000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,00</u>	00
19	(4)	Give false	or forged	eviden	ce to ti	he					
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21		Boards or	a member	therec	of for t	he					
22		purpose of	obtaining	a cert	tificate	or			•		
23		registration.	Subsection	n 9-120	(b)(4)			5 <del>00.00</del> <u>1,0</u>	<u>000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,00</u>	00
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1	(5)	Use or attempt to use a certificate or		
2		registration which has been suspended		
3		or revoked. Subsection 9-120(b)(5)	5 <del>00.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
4	(6)	Engage in the business or act in the		
5		capacity of a contractor without being		
6		duly registered or certified. Subsection		
7		9-120(b)(6)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
8	(7)	Advertise as available to engage in the		
9		business or act in the capacity of a		
10		contractor without being duly registered		1
11		or certified. Subsection 9-120(b)(7)	500 <del>.00</del>	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>
12	(8)	Operate a business organization		-
13		engaged in contracting after sixty (60)		
14		days following the termination of its only		
15		qualifying agent without designating		
16		another primary qualifying agent.		
17		Subsection 9-120(b)(8)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
18	(9)	Proceeding on any job without first		
19		obtaining applicable local building		
20		permits and inspections. Subsection		
21		9-120(b)(9)	<del>250.00</del> <u>500</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>
22	(10)	Act as a subcontractor without being		
23		certified or registered. Subsection		
24		9-120(b)(10)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	5 <del>00.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
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1	(11)	Engage in the business or act in the		·
2		capacity of a contractor or advertise as		
3		available to engage in the business or		
4		act in the capacity of a contractor		
5	İ	without having paid all required		
6		business taxes. Subsection		
7		9-120(b)(11)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
8	(12)	Conceal or cause to be concealed, or		
9		assist in concealing from the primary		
10		qualifying agent, any material activities		
11		or information about the contracting firm.		
12		Subsection 9-120(c)(1)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
13	(13)	Exclude or facilitate the exclusion of any		
14		aspect of the contracting firm's financial		
15		or other business activities from the		
16		primary qualifying agent. Subsection		
17		9-120(c)(2)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
18	(14)	Knowingly cause any part of the		
19		contracting firm's activities, financial or		
20		otherwise, to be conducted without the		
21		primary qualifying agent's supervision.		
22		Subsection 9-120(c)(3)	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>	500.00 2,000
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1	(15)	Assist or participate with any qualifying			,
2		agent in the violation of any provision of			
3		this chapter. Subsection 9-120(c)(4)	500.00	1,000	<del>500.00</del> <u>2,000</u>
4	(16)	Failure to comply with the descriptive			
5		lettering requirements. Subsection	-		
6		9-120(c)(5)	<del>150.00</del>	<u>250</u>	300.00 <u>500</u>
7	(17)	Commencement and/or performance of			
8		any work for which a building permit is			
9		required without such building permit			
10	i	being current. Subsection 9-120(d)(1)	<del>250.00</del>	<u>500</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>
11	(18)	Hiring or contracting by a property			
12		owner of an uncertified or unregistered			
13		contractor or subcontractor. Subsection			
14		9-120(d)(2)	<del>250.00</del>	<u>500</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>
15	(19)	Hiring or contracting with a sole			
16		proprietor, business organization, or			
17		governmental agency, which does not			
18		possess a Class A or Class B Tree			•
19		Trimmer License. Subsection 9-			
20		120(d)(3)	25	50 <del>.00</del>	500 <del>.00</del>
21	(20)	Failure to provide a notarized affidavit or			
22	•	failure to provide an updated affidavit.			
23		Subsection 9-26 <del>(3)</del> (2)	<del>250.00</del>	<u>500</u>	<del>500.00</del> <u>1,000</u>
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(21) Failing Failure to discontinue work on a project after having been ordered to do so by a building official, building code inspector, or code compliance officer pursuant to the provisions of the building code or Chapter 489, Florida Statutes.

Subsection 9-120(b)(12)

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Section 17. Section 9-128 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 9-128. Unlicensed contractor enforcement fund.

The Unlicensed Contractor Enforcement Fund is hereby created. Pursuant to Sections 489.127 and 489.531, Florida Statutes, as amended, thirty (30) forty-five percent (45%) of any civil penalty or fine recovered by the County in an action against an uncertified contractor shall be deposited in this Unlicensed Contractor Enforcement Fund to support future enforcement activities against unlicensed contractors and public education regarding unlicensed contracting. The County shall retain the interest earned on monies within the Unlicensed Contractor Enforcement Fund as discretionary revenue to defray the cost of administration, collection, and disbursement.

Section 18. Article IX of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, "Broward County Central Examining Boards Restitution Trust Fund," Section 9-141, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-141. Creation of Broward County Central Examining Boards Restitution Trust Fund.

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The Broward County Central Examining Boards Restitution Trust Fund (a) (the Fund) is hereby created. Any civil penalty recovered by the County in an action against any certified contractor, business organization, or financially responsible officer, and seventy (70) fifty-five percent (55%) of ay any civil penalty recovered in an action against any uncertified contractor pursuant to this chapter, shall be deposited in the Persons who receive an order of restitution from a Central Examining Board or Fund. hearing officer shall be advised of the existence of the Fund and the process to make a claim against the Fund. The County Administrator, or designee, shall provide the Board of County Commissioners with a report on no less than an annual basis of the monies deposited into the Fund, claims paid, and balance. In the sole discretion of the County Commission, monies in the Fund exceeding Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00) may be utilized to fund other public purposes and programs. The County shall retain the interest earned on monies within the Fund as discretionary revenue to defray the cost of administration, collection, and disbursement.

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Section 19. Section 9-143 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-143. Payment from the Fund.

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(b) The applicable board shall give notice to the claimant and the contactor of the time and place when the board will review and take action on the claim. Notice to the contractor shall be provided pursuant to Section 9-16. Notice to the claimant shall be provided by regular U.S. mail at the address set forth on the claim. Claims will not be set for review by the board unless the request includes a completed and signed

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claim form, a final order of restitution, evidence of a diligent effort at collection, and an asset search, where appropriate. "Diligent effort" shall mean that efforts have been made to determine whether the contractor, business organization, or financially responsible officer possesses any property or assets with which to satisfy the underlying order of restitution, in whole or in part, and that no such or insufficient property or assets have been identified or located. The claimant must provide documentation showing that efforts have been taken to:

- (1) Locate the contractor:
- (2) If located, demand reimbursement from the contractor; and
- (3)Determine whether or not the contractor is insured and, if insured, that the claimant has filed a claim with the contractor's insurance carrier.
- (c) The claimant and contractor shall have an opportunity to present evidence and argument related to the claim, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative. The board shall either authorize payment of the claim in full or in part, or deny the claim in 16 full or in part, by entry of a Final Order.

#### Section 20. SEVERABILITY.

If any portion of this Ordinance is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance. If any Court determines that this Ordinance, or any portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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# Section 21. <u>INCLUSION IN CODE</u>.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Broward County Code; and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

#### Section 22. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>.

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

**ENACTED** 

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency: Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney

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