

BUILDING BUZZ



October 2017 Newsletter

Have you checked out our Building Department webpage lately?

There you can find permit information, view a list of contractors, schedule inspections, and much more. Please visit www.pandapublicweb.cityofpsl.com

Did you know?

Online Permitting

- Filing for a permit online saves time and money! We are continuing to make enhancements to the online permitting process. Permit fees for online permits are cost efficient and reduces the need to print multiple applicable product approvals. Most importantly you may submit online permit applications (24) hours a days, (7) days a week!
- Have you considered our "Express Permits"? These permits are for builders who build repetitive Single-Family home models. The Building Department's current service goal for Single-Family home building permits is a record breaking (5) days. The service goal for "Express Permits" is (24) hours, once all required documentation has been electronically submitted to the Building Department.

Permitting

- If you have visited the permitting office recently, you may have noticed some renovation work. We are currently in the process of redesigning the lobby area to allow for more seating. Our goal is to make the customer experience more comfortable and friendly. Additionally, we are considering offering contractors some assistance by a tutorial on how to properly submit for online permits.

Plan Review

- **The Florida Building Code 6th Edition (2017) is here!** The new building code is set to take effect on December 31, 2017. Please note: If you have any projects that are currently in the planning stages, please make sure they are submitted before the new code takes effect or that they meet the building code standards.

Inspections

- We understand the inconvenience for a resident and/or contractor to be present for certain inspections to provide access. We are currently working on different ways for both parties to be able to have a better idea of when the inspection will take place. Currently, you can go to <https://pandapublicweb.cityofpsl.com/Bldg/ListScheduledInspections.aspx> the morning of inspection to see if an "AM" or "PM" has been designated for the inspection. Here you will also be able to view the name of the Inspector that will be conducting the inspection and his/her direct number.

Contractor Licensing

- **Emergency Order**-Due to the impact of Hurricane Irma, the Florida Secretary of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has issued Emergency Order No. 17-235 lifting the following restrictions of section 489.113 (3) F.S. A certified or registered, general building contractor is NOT required to subcontract roofing work for the repair and installation of any flat roofs and roofs made of wood shakes, asphalt or fiberglass shingles, tiles and metals.
- **Locally Licensed Contractors**- If you did not renew your Certificate of Competency by September 30, 2017, you will incur a late fee and your local license is now inactive and you will be acting as an un-licensed contractor. Please contact Contractor Licensing at 772-871-5132 for more information.

UPCOMING STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS – RSVP to yperez@cityofpsl.com

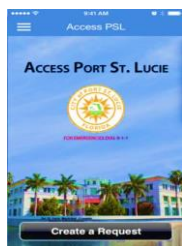
- **Residential Contractors Meeting – October 9th @ 3 p.m.**
- **Mechanical Contractors Meeting – November 6th @ 3 p.m.**

These meetings are specific to each trade. Meetings last approximately an hour and provide an opportunity for our management team and the contractors to brainstorm ways to provide a higher level of customer service, expedite service, communicate and make advances to our software program. Please visit our webpage for more information and meeting schedules <https://pandapublicweb.cityofpsl.com/Files/PDF/Default/2017-stakeholder-meetings.pdf>



PANDA

PANDA is a permitting program created in-house by employees of the City of Port St. Lucie. This program allows flexibility for changes to improve our level of customer service. If you have any suggestions for improvement to this program, email tvalure@cityofpsl.com



ACCESS PORT ST. LUCIE APP

City residents can report good news, compliments, violations, concerns, etc. on our free app called "Access Port St. Lucie" available for download on the Apple APP Store and Google Play.

NEED A SPEAKER?

The Building Department has staff available to speak on topics of Building Permits, Licensing, etc. Please contact Yvette at yperez@cityofpsl.com to schedule a speaker for your next company meeting, association, club, or chapter meeting.

For Employment Information, please visit:

<http://www.cityofpsl.com/hr/admin.html>



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