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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Permit Applicants

From: Thomas H. Goldsbury, P.E., C.B.O., LEED AP
Chief, Building Inspection Division

Subject: **Falsification of Permit Application to Avoid Notice of Commencement**

As you are aware, except for improvements that are exempt, Florida Statute Section 713.13 requires that a Notice of Commencement (NOC) be filed prior to starting the work, for all improvements where the cost of the improvements is over \$2,500 (\$7,500 for mechanical work). The State also requires that the Building Inspection Division (BID) maintain a copy of the NOC. We ensure this happens by not allowing an inspection request to go through on a permit requiring an NOC until a copy of the recorded NOC is received.

Recently we seem to be seeing an increase in the number of permits where the value of the work is listed as just slightly under \$2,500.00 (\$7,500.00 for mechanical permits). On many of these permits the scope of work does not appear to correlate with the low cost. Please be advised that fraudulent applications may lead to referral to the Construction Trades Qualifying Board which can levy fines, order suspension or revocation of your contracting license.