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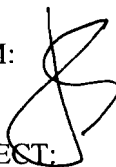
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NOTICE

DATE: November 22, 2006

TO: ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PERMIT APPLICANTS AND CONTRACTORS

FROM:  Jerry Sparks, AIA, CBO, Building Official
Director, Building Services Division, PGMD

SUBJECT: FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION (FFE) ON CONSTRUCTION PLANS

On June 26, 2006, the Planning and Growth Management Department's Building Services Division implemented a foundation (tie-in) survey program as required by Section 105.6 of the 2005 Hillsborough County Construction Code.

During recent feedback discussions with the site inspectors responsible for reviewing and approving the submitted foundation (tie-in) surveys, it has come to my attention that many construction plans are submitted for permitting purposes without the proposed Finished Floor Elevation (FFE) shown on either the site plan or building plans.

The omission of this design information has resulted in our site inspectors being unable to efficiently review and approve the tie-in surveys submitted so that the next required inspection can be scheduled by the contractor or builder. Providing this design information prior to the issuance of a building permit will also assist the contractor during construction as we have recently had several projects that have been built either below the minimum design flood elevation or the minimum FFE established on the approved lot grading plan.

On December 20, 2006, the proposed Finished Floor Elevation (FFE) on all commercial and residential projects will be required to be submitted prior to the issuance of building permits and will become one of our minimum permit application submittal requirements.

As discussed with representatives of the Tampa Bay Builders Association (TBBA) on November 15, 2006, this information is required to be submitted on the site plan submitted for permitting purposes by the design professional of record.

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