

**RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH SURROUNDING COUNTIES**  
**(Including Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison & Taylor)**

1. Complete the attached county application.
2. Submit letter from Building Official of your sponsoring county stating the exam (including business & law), date, score, and whether or not you are in good standing with the county. Passing grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or better is required.
3. Submit current certificate of insurance showing the required liability and property damage limits (copy attached).
4. Submit current certificate of insurance for worker's compensation, or approved exemption form.
5. Submit current state registration.
6. Submit proof of financial responsibility in the form of a credit report from an acceptable agency (Equifax 1/800/525-6285; Experian 1/888/397-3742; Trans Union 1/800/680-7289). Such report shall be for individual applicant, and business (if applicable), and indicate all credit activity of record for the previous four (4) years.
7. A non-refundable application fee of \$100.

**The Building Official will review application if approved an active card will be issued, if the application cannot be determined to be in full compliance with the requirements and conditions of the Suwannee County Licensing Ordinance 2006-04 the application will be referred to the Licensing Board for review without action by the Building Official.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE SUWANNEE COUNTY BUILDING  
DEPARTMENT - 386/208-1606 OR 386/364-3407.**



**SECTION II**

IF THE ANSWER TO **ANY** OF THE FOLLOWING IS “**YES**” - EXPLAIN FULLY IN REMARKS, (SECTION III BELOW). GIVE NAME OF PERSON OR COMPANY, ADDRESS, STATE AND COUNTY.

- 1. Have you ever failed to complete a construction contract? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Have you ever been refused a contractor’s license? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Have you ever had a contractor’s license revoked? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Have you ever declared bankruptcy (voluntarily or involuntarily)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Have you ever been employed by a company which declared bankruptcy? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Are there any outstanding labor or material liens against you or your company? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. If the name is a fictitious one and you are the sole proprietor, or if it is a partnership, you must attach proof of compliance with the Florida Fictitious Name Act. \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III**

**REMARKS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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I certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Any willful falsification of any information contained herein is grounds for disqualification. I further certify that I have read and understand the requirements as laid out in the Suwannee County Licensing Ordinance 2006-04. (The entire Ordinance is available for review at the Suwannee County Building Department.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## INSURANCE LIMIT REQUIREMENTS

	<b>LIABILITY</b>	<b>P/D</b>
General Building Contractor .....	\$300,000. ....	\$50,000
Building Contractor .....	300,000. ....	50,000
Residential Building Contractor .....	100,000. ....	25,000
Roofing Contractor.....	100,000. ....	25,000
Sheet Metal Contractor .....	100,000. ....	25,000
Swimming Pool Contractor.....	100,000. ....	25,000
Plumbing Contractor .....	100,000. ....	25,000
Electrical Contractor .....	300,000. ....	500,000
Mechanical Contractor.....	100,000. ....	25,000
Air Conditioning Contractor .....	100,000. ....	25,000

**Suwannee County Licensing Ordinance 2006-04**

**PART 2**

**CONTRACTOR LICENSING**

**SECTION V**

**CLASSIFICATION AND**

**DEFINITIONS OF CONTRACTORS**

**A. Building Category.**

1. General Contractor – For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, FS.
2. Building Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, FS.
3. Residential Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, FS.
4. Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor – For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.
5. Residential Pool/Spa Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.

**B. Trades Category.**

1. Class “A” Air Conditioning Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.
2. Class “B” Air Conditioning Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.
3. Electrical Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part II, F.S.
4. Mechanical Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.
5. Plumbing Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.
6. Roofing Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.
7. Sheet Metal Contractor - For definition see Chapter 489, Part I, F.S.

**SECTION VI**

**COMPETENCY CARD APPLICATION**

**A. Submission.** To obtain a competency card an applicant shall submit an application in writing to the Licensing Board on a form prescribed by it. Such form shall contain the statement that the applicant desires the issuance of a competency card, the class of competency card desired and other information the Licensing Board deems necessary. The applicant must be a resident of Suwannee County. A fee, a recent photograph of the applicant and other requirements of this section shall accompany the application. The deadline (cutoff) for submitting applications for each Licensing Board meeting shall be three (3) weeks prior to that meeting.

**B. Person or Entity to be Licensed.**

1. **Individual.** When the applicant proposes to engage in contracting in his/her own name, the application shall so indicate and the competency card will be issued only to that individual.

## **2. Business Organization.**

a. When the applicant proposes to engage in contracting as a partnership, corporation, business trust or other legal entity, the application shall state the name of the partnership and of its partners, or the name of the corporation and of its officers and directors, or the name of the business trust and its trustee, or the name of such other legal entity and its members, and furnish evidence of statutory compliance if a fictitious name is used. Such applications shall also show that the person applying for the competency card is legally qualified to act for the business organization in all matters connected with its contracting business, and has the authority to supervise construction undertaken by such business organization. The partnership, corporation, business trust or other legal entity, must maintain its principal place of business in Suwannee County. The competency card, when issued upon application of a business organization, shall be in the name of such business organization and the name of the qualifying individual(s) shall be noted thereon.

b. At least one (1) supervising employee of a business organization shall be qualified under this Ordinance and designated as a qualifier in order for the business organization to hold a current competency card in the category of the business conducted for which the member or supervising employee is qualified.

**C. Application Fee.** A non-refundable fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) must accompany each application.

## **SECTION VII**

### **COMPETENCY CARD REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Examination.** Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, those persons who do not hold a current competency card for the trades, businesses, or occupations set forth in Subsections V-A and V-B shall be required to pass, with a minimum score as specified, a competency examination in the classification applied for (including business exam) as a prerequisite for obtaining a competency card. The Licensing Board shall accept the results of a duly administered and proctored exam as follows:

1. Exam administered by an approved agency. A score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher on an examination developed by an agency approved by the Licensing Board; or
2. State Exam. A score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher on an examination administered by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation; or
3. Other Government Exam. The Licensing Board may also accept the results of any approved examination administered by a county or municipal competency board, at its sole discretion. The proper certification of such examination results, as determined by the Licensing Board, shall be presented prior to its acceptance.

**B. Educational/Experience Requirements.** For all contractor categories, the applicant shall have the following education/experience.

1. An associate degree from an accredited two-year college in an appropriate field of engineering, architecture or building construction, and a minimum of two (2) years of active experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in charge of a group of workers and is responsible to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent, provided, however, at least 1 year of active experience shall be as a foreman; or
2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in charge of a group of workers and is responsible to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience shall be as a foreman.

**C. Letters of Recommendation.** The applicant for a competency card, in any contractor classification, shall provide to the Licensing Board a letter of recommendation from a contractor holding an active current Certificate of Competency in the applicant's field and one (1) letter of recommendation each from any two (2) of the following categories of persons or entities. Such letters shall be notarized, dated not more than six (6) months prior to submission, and address the moral character, experience and other attributes of the applicant that the author feels is important for one in whom trust is placed:

1. Other county or city building department; or
2. Material man or material supply firm; or
3. Architect or engineer; or
4. Financial Institution; or
5. Such other persons or entities as approved by the Licensing Board from time to time.

**D. Financial Responsibility.** As a prerequisite to issuance of a competency card, the Licensing Board shall require the applicant to submit proof of financial responsibility in the form of a credit report from an acceptable agency. Such report shall be on the individual applicant and business if applicable, and indicate all credit activity of record for the previous four (4) years.

**E. Insurance.** As a prerequisite to issuance of a competency card, the Licensing Board shall require the applicant to submit satisfactory evidence he/she has obtained workers' compensation insurance or approved exemption, public liability and property damage insurance for the safety of the public in the following amounts:

General Contractors	\$300,000	and	\$50,000
Building Contractors	\$300,000	and	\$50,000
Electrical Contractors	\$300,000	and	\$500,000
All Other Classifications	\$100,000	and	\$25,000

Failure to maintain the minimum required insurance coverage shall result in the immediate suspension of the Certificate of Competency and shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

The Certificate of Competency shall be reinstated upon satisfactory proof of insurance coverage. Suspension of the Certificate of Competency three (3) times within any five (5) year period for failure to maintain the required insurance coverage shall be deemed a breach of the financial responsibility required by this Ordinance. The Board may, by resolution, amend any or all of the worker's compensation, public liability or property damage insurance limits set forth above.

This subsection does not apply to inactive competency cardholders.

**F. Grandfathering.** There shall be no "grandfathering" or licensing of any contractor not meeting the requirements of this section or previous county ordinance or state law.

**G. State Registered Contractors.** A person or firm who holds a registration of competency from the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board, and who wishes to obtain a Suwannee County competency card in the same classification, shall not be required to take an examination if the applicant has passed the exam approved by the Licensing Board through another jurisdiction with a grade as required herein.