

Suwannee County Building Department

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Private Provider Acknowledgement and Requirements

Per Florida Statute 553.791(2)(b), if an owner or contractor retains a private provider for purposes of plans review or building inspection services, the local jurisdiction must reduce the permit fee by the amount of cost savings realized by the local enforcement agency for not having to perform such services. Such reduction may be calculated on a flat fee or percentage basis, or any other reasonable means by which a local enforcement agency assesses the cost for its plans review or inspection services. The local jurisdiction may not charge fees for building inspections if the fee owner or contractor hires a private provider to perform such services; however, the local jurisdiction may charge a reasonable administrative fee, which shall be based on the cost that is actually incurred, including the labor cost of the personnel providing the service, by the local jurisdiction or attributable to the local jurisdiction for the clerical and supervisory assistance required, or both.

Suwannee County fee schedule for a single-family dwelling is 0.32 cent per square foot for habitable and .18 cent per square foot for non-habitable. In accordance with Florida Statute 553.791, the fee reduction will be 50 percent of the permit fee for Suwannee County.

In accordance with Florida Statute 553.791, the following required documents must be submitted.

- (a) The services to be performed by the private provider.
- (b) The name, firm, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of each private provider who is performing or will perform such services, his or her professional license or certification number, qualification statements or resumes, and, if required by the local building official, a certificate of insurance demonstrating that professional liability insurance coverage is in place for the private provider's firm, the private provider, and any duly authorized representative in the amounts required by this section.

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(c) An acknowledgment from the fee owner in substantially the following form:

I have elected to use one or more private providers to provide building code plans review and/or inspection services on the building or structure that is the subject of the enclosed permit application, as authorized by s. 553.791, Florida Statutes. I understand that the local building official may not review the plans submitted or perform the required building inspections to determine compliance with the applicable codes, except to the extent specified in said law. Instead, plans review and/or required building inspections will be performed by licensed or certified personnel identified in the application. The law requires minimum insurance requirements for such personnel, but I understand that I may require more insurance to protect my interests. By executing this form, I acknowledge that I have made inquiry regarding the competence of the licensed or certified personnel and the level of their insurance and am satisfied that my interests are adequately protected. I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the local government, the local building official, and their building code enforcement personnel from any and all claims arising from my use of these licensed or certified personnel to perform building code inspection services with respect to the building or structure that is the subject of the enclosed permit application.

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By signing below, I attest that I have received a copy of Suwannee County's private provider acknowledgment and requirements. I have read the documents and will provide all necessary documentation in Florida Statute 553.791 (4)(a)(b)(c).

(Property Owner Signature)

(Date)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by

Property owner(s) name(s)

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

Commission No. _____

Personally known: _____

Produced ID (Type) _____