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REGISTRATION OF A MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS LICENSE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Issue

Mechanical contractors have raised the question regarding registration of mechanical contractors licenses with local communities. It is reported that local communities are charging a registration fee of \$15.00 per year even though the license is now valid for a period of three years.

This technical bulletin will discuss the requirements of the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act and the requirements for registration of a mechanical contractors license with local communities.

Discussion

Section 13 of the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act, PA 192 of 1984, as amended, provides:

“A contractor licensed under this act who performs work in a governmental subdivision shall register his or her license with the enforcing agency which issues permits and provides inspection services of the contractor’s work. The registration shall be valid until the expiration date of the contractor’s license. Registration shall be granted by all governmental subdivisions in this state to a contractor licensed under this act upon payment of a fee not to exceed \$15.00.”

Act No. 119, PA 1997, became effective on October 10, 1997, amending the Forbes Mechanical Contractors Act to change contractor licenses from an annual license to a triennial licensing period. With this change, the registration of a mechanical contractors license is based on a three-year period rather than the annual renewal of a license and registration with local communities.

Conclusion

A Mechanical contractors license may be registered with a local community for the period of terms of the license. A fee of \$15.00 may be charged by the community for the registration of a license until the expiration date of the contractors license. The changes in the licensing period, from one year to three years, provides for a registration period of three years or until the expiration date of the contractors license.

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