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Lien Agent Requirement

Effective April 1, 2013

In accordance with North Carolina General Assembly Session law 2012-158, Inspection Departments are **not allowed to issue any permit where the project cost is \$30,000 or more** unless the application is for improvements to an existing dwelling that the applicant uses as a residence **OR** the property owner has designated a lien agent and provided the inspections office the information of the Lien Agent.

The information will be attached to the permit record. The applicant is required to post a copy on the construction site.

Excerpt from North Carolina G.S. §160A-417:

“(Effective April 1, 2013) No permit shall be issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section where the cost of the work is thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, other than for improvements to an existing single-family residential dwelling unit as defined in G.S. §87-15.5(7) that the applicant uses as a residence, unless the name, physical and mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and electronic mail address of the lien agent designated by the owner pursuant to G.S. §44A-11.1(a) is conspicuously set forth in the permit or in an attachment thereto. The building permit may contain the lien agent’s electronic mail address. The lien agent information for each permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained by the inspection department in the same manner and in the same location in which it maintains its record of building permits issued.”