

Using an Engineer's Letter in Lieu of Inspection:

No contractor can serve a letter from an engineer in lieu of the actual inspection being performed unless it is explicitly requested by the Building Director.

Florida Building Codes, SECTION 110 INSPECTIONS, states as follows:

[A] 110.1 General.

Construction or work for which a *permit* is required shall be subject to inspection by the *building official* and such construction or work shall remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes until *approved*. Approval as a result of an inspection shall not be construed to be an approval of a violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction. Inspections presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid. It shall be the duty of the *permit* applicant to cause the work to remain accessible and exposed for inspection purposes. Neither the *building official* nor the jurisdiction shall be liable for expense entailed in the removal or replacement of any material required to allow inspection.

[A] 110.6 Approval required.

Work shall not be done beyond the point indicated in each successive inspection without first obtaining the approval of the *building official*. The *building official*, upon notification, shall make the requested inspections and shall either indicate the portion of the construction that is satisfactory as completed, or notify the *permit* holder or his or her agent wherein the same fails to comply with this code. Any portions that do not comply shall be corrected and such portion shall not be covered or concealed until authorized by the *building official*.

Also stated in Florida Statutes §489.129(1)(o):

(1) The Board may take action against any certificate holder or registrant: place on probation or reprimand the licensee, revoke, suspend, or deny the issuance or renewal of the certificate or registration ... the contractor is found guilty of any of the following:

(o) Proceeding on any job without obtaining applicable local building department permits and inspections.

The **practice** of issuing an engineer's letter in lieu of inspection shall not be accepted by the Building Division. Roofing projects are being completed past the 30% allowable coverage thus preventing proper inspection of the roof by the Building Inspector. If the roof is covered where an inspection cannot be done, the contractor may be required to uncover the roof so the Building Inspector can perform a proper inspection. Continued failure to call in for inspection will result in further disciplinary action against the contractor.