



# City of Fort Pierce Building Department

Vision for the Future

# Safety and Welfare is Priority One

The Building Department is trusted with the safety and welfare of its citizens. Our vision is to assist developers, contractors and citizens to make the city safer and more beautiful by streamlining processes, utilizing horizontal alignment and coordinating City Departments, Federal, State and Local agencies for the benefit of its citizens.

As the “hub” of the development process, the Building Department facilitates the economic and structural development of the City.

# Cross-training and Certifications

Cross-training and multi-certification of Building Department employees is a must in order to remain financially sound and to provide excellent service to the citizens:

- Inspectors will be encouraged to become certified in different disciplines and to obtain certifications to examine plans.
- All Permit Specialists will be cross-trained on permit processing, all facets of office operations and ProjectDox software.

# Use of Part-time Employees vs. Contracted Services

Use of part-time employees affords a substantial savings vs. the long-term use of contracted private providers. In addition, use of City employees provides consistent and excellent service to citizens.

This approach encourages fiscal responsibility while creating opportunities for the development of the local construction professionals to transition to code administration.

# Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator

For the first time, the City of Fort Pierce will have a staff member who is primarily responsible for looking after the City's and citizens' interests regarding flood issues:

Proactively improves our CRS Rating which will save the citizens hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Provides outreach to the public, and facilitates grant programs for flood hazard mitigation.

Floodplain Management ensures alive waterfronts and provides a great place to live, learn, work and play.

# ProjectDox

For the first time in the history of the City, the Building Department will utilize a state of the art software system that will allow projects to be submitted electronically. This will benefit the citizens and contractors by improving the facilitation of the permitting process. This may also aid us towards the ultimate goal of becoming accredited by the International Accreditation Service. By accomplishing this, the Building Department promotes community unity and pride and reinforces confidence in the Building Department.

# Future Permitting Hub Vision

- A “One-stop Shop” for all types of permitting.
- Building, Planning, and Engineering windows in one centralized location.
- A simplified and streamlined process to make permitting easy and convenient for the public.
- Increased security for City staff.

