



NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

UPDATED - Permitting for Fence Installation

While the State of Florida does not currently license a specific "Fence Erection" contractor classification, fencing is not included among the preempted scopes listed in the statute. Furthermore, fence installation is typically classified under structural work that can impact life safety, property boundaries, and zoning requirements, and requires code compliance reviews for height, wind load, and location per local building regulations.

In the City of Cape Coral, the following license types are authorized to apply for fence permits:

Certified General Contractor (CGC)

Certified Building Contractor (CBC)

Certified Residential Contractor (CRC) – limited to residential fences only

Specialty Structural Contractor – registered with the City and compliant with F.S. 489

Owner/Builder (If Commercial, must meet all conditions, residential does not need to meet the \$75,000 restriction):

- Project cost under \$75,000 (F.S. 489.503(C))
- Intended for personal use and occupancy
- Must verify ID in person at City Hall
- Notarized Owner/Builder affidavit

➤ Condo unit owners are not eligible

➤ Corporations are unable to qualify for the owner/builder exemption

At this time, unlicensed individuals or contractors who are not appropriately licensed are not authorized to obtain fence permits unless they meet the requirements for one of the above license categories or fall under an exemption explicitly allowed by statute.