



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

Certified Specialty Contractor – Florida Rule 61G4-15.015 Specialty Structure Contractor

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. 489.103(7)(a))
- Shall not offer said property for sale or lease for at least 1-year
- 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.



61G4-15.015 Certification of Specialty Structure Contractors.

(1) Scope of Rule. The purpose of this rule is to provide for the certification of specialty structure contractors.

(2) Definition.

(a) “**Specialty Structure Contractor**” is a contractor whose services are limited to the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge and skill necessary for the fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, replacement, dismantling, adjustment, alteration, repair, servicing and design work when not prohibited by law, in accordance with accepted engineering data and/or according to manufacturers specifications in the aluminum, metal, canvas, vinyl and fiberglass screening, doors and windows, hurricane protection devices and allied construction materials.

(b) The scope of such work shall include and be limited to fabric coverings on metal substructures, screened porches, screened enclosures, pool enclosures, preformed panel-post and beam roofs, manufactured housing roof-overs, vinyl or acrylic panel window enclosures, guardrails, handrails, **aluminum and vinyl fences**, the installation or replacement of windstorm protective devices, single story self-contained aluminum utility storage structures (not to exceed 720 sq. ft.), residential glass window and door enclosures, sunrooms, siding, soffit, fascia and gutters. The installation or replacement of window and door assemblies certified in accordance with AAMA 101/ I.S.2 or Miami Dade TAS 201. 202. 203 as specified by the Florida Building Code in Group R occupancy buildings, as defined by the Florida Building Code, up to three stories or thirty feet in height. The installation or replacement of windstorm protective devices, except for impact resistant glazing, shall be unlimited. Division I Contractors shall be permitted to subcontract with Specialty Structure Contractors for the installation or replacement of window and door assemblies certified in accordance with AAMA 101/ I.S.2 or Miami Dade TAS 201. 202. 203 as specified by the Florida Building Code in buildings of Group R occupancy, as defined by the Florida Building Code, of any height. The scope of such work shall include wood work incidental to the aluminum and allied materials construction work. It shall be limited to the construction of wood framing for the walls of uninhabitable utility storage structures, raised wood decks for enclosures, and the repair and/or replacement of wood incidental to the installation of glass windows and doors, installation of siding, soffit, fascia, gutters and preformed panel-post and beam roofs. The scope of such work shall comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable.

(c) The scope of such work shall include masonry concrete work and be limited to foundations, slabs and block kneewalls incidental to the aluminum and allied construction materials construction work. The specialty structure contractor, whose services are limited, shall not perform any work that alters the structural integrity of the building including but not limited to roof trusses, lintels, load bearing walls and foundations.

(d) The specialty structure contractor shall subcontract, with a licensed qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work incidental to that which is defined herein but which is the work of a trade other than that of a specialty structure contractor. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to limit or infringe upon the scope of work of any specialty contractor certified pursuant to Sections 489.105(3) and 489.113(6), F.S.

(3) Certification procedures and fees for Specialty Structure Contractors shall be the same as those provided for the certification of other contractors as required by and set forth in Sections 489.109, 489.111, 489.113, 489.114, 489.115, 489.116, F.S., and related rules.

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