

## **\*NOTICE\***

### **Mandatory Residential Air Infiltration (Blower Door) Testing begins July 1, 2017**

Florida Energy Conservation Building Code States:

*Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017; New Construction on residential buildings or dwelling units shall have mandatory Blower Door Testing performed by an Approved 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agency.*

Tests will be accepted from the following Individuals:

1. Individuals defined under FS 553.993 (5) or (7)
2. Individuals licensed under FS 489.105(3)(f), (g) or (i);
3. Individual approved by the Building Official

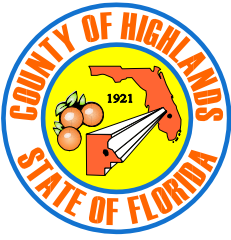
To become registered with the Building Department, you must submit:

1. proof of licensure and/or certification and/or qualification
2. proof of liability insurance
3. workman's compensation insurance or exemption
4. registration fee of \$55.00

**Blower Door Testing reports verifying 7 air changes per hour or less must be submitted prior to the issuance of Certificate of Occupancy, signed by the registered, qualified individual who performed the test.**

Enacting code (R101.4.9 and R402.4.1.2) is found in the 2016 supplement:

[http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/thecode/2017\\_Code\\_Development/Glitch\\_2016/2016\\_Supplement\\_to\\_the\\_5th\\_Edition\\_2014\\_FBC.htm](http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/thecode/2017_Code_Development/Glitch_2016/2016_Supplement_to_the_5th_Edition_2014_FBC.htm)



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## **UPCOMING CODE CHANGES FOR**

### **RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION**

**Florida Energy Conservation Building Code R101.4 States:**  
***“Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017; New Construction on residential buildings or dwelling units shall have mandatory Blower Door Testing”***

**Individuals who can conduct the test include:**

- 1. Individuals defined under FS 553.993 (5) or (7)**
  - **Energy Rater or Residential Field Inspector currently certified through RESNET**
  - **Energy Auditor, Infiltration and Duct Leakage Technician or Building Analyst currently certified through BUILDING PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE**
- 2. Individuals licensed under FS 489.105(3)(f), (g) or(i);**
  - **Class A Air Conditioning Contractor**
  - **Class B Air Conditioning Contractor**
  - **Mechanical Contractor**
- 3. Individuals approved by the Building Official after providing proof of qualifications;**

**Blower Door Testing shall be performed by a qualified individual. The report of results shall be signed by a qualified individual and submitted to the building department prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy.**

**To be an approved tester in Highlands County, you must first register with the Building Department, showing proof of licensure and/or certification as shown above and provide proof of liability insurance, workman’s compensation insurance or exemption.**

**The fee for this registration is \$55.00**