



CITY OF GAHANNA
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Memorandum

To: All Interested Parties
From: Kenneth W. Fultz, P.E., Chief Building Official
Date: 8/1/07
Re: Contractor Licensing & State License – HB434

As of September 17, 2001, State Licensing for contractors doing work under the Ohio Building Code has been in effect according to House Bill 434. These contractors need to provide a copy of their state license prior to being issued an electric, HVAC or plumbing permit for OBC related construction (commercial, industrial, or residential buildings larger than a three family dwelling.)

The City of Gahanna per House Bill 434 is not allowed to require a local license and bond for these contractors. However, the City is permitted to “register” these contractors. The City of Gahanna Building Regulation registers OBC contractors by having them fill out an information sheet with principal’s name, address, phone number, company name, address, phone number and a copy of their state license. A fee of \$50.00 is charged to establish and maintain this local file. No bond or insurance is required.

For contractors constructing decks, sheds and residential projects there are two options. The first is if they have a state license we can accept a copy and register them the same as OBC contractors. The second would be if they have no state license to license them as we have for years with a \$5,000 license bond, certificate of liability and a \$50.00 fee. Fence erectors are only required to have a \$500 license bond, certificate of liability and a \$50.00 fee.