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3. Irrigation systems that are connected to private wells.
4. The installation and repair of an irrigation system downstream of an existing backflow preventer (central potable water supply) regardless of compensation.

If irrigation work is done under one of the above exclusions, then a licensed electrical or low voltage contractor must perform all electrical work associated with the irrigation system.

Other than bona-fide agricultural uses, irrigation systems that incorporate application of chemicals or fertilizer shall only be installed, or existing irrigation systems retrofitted, by a licensed irrigation sprinkler contractor.”

The revised definition provides specific exemptions to the licensing requirement for:

1. Agricultural systems;
2. Home owners;
3. Systems connected to private wells;
4. Systems connected to a central potable water supply downstream of an existing backflow preventer.

Any irrigation work under the exemptions must have the electrical work done by a licensed electrical or low voltage contractor. Also, any irrigation work, with the exception of agricultural, that includes the use of chemicals or fertilizer must be done by a licensed irrigation sprinkler contractor.

Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached ordinance to make the change to the irrigation sprinkler contractor licensing requirement.

SUMTER COUNTY ORDINANCE 2011-__

AN ORDINANCE OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 6-25(C)(9) RELATED TO IRRIGATION SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida have determined that a change is needed to provide for exclusions and clarifications regarding licensed irrigation sprinkler contractors as described in Section 6-25(c)(9) of the Sumter County Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.

Chapter 6, Article II, Division 3, Section 6-25(c)(9) shall be amended as follows:

Irrigation sprinkler contractor means a person who is qualified to install, maintain, alter, repair or extend all piping, sprinkler heads and related equipment such as, but not limited to, time clocks, low voltage wiring and water hookups to pre-existing pumps and potable water system that requires a backflow preventer. This work is for residential and commercial lawns and landscaping.

The exclusions to this license are:

1. Work on bona-fide agricultural enterprises.
2. Home owners installing and managing their own system.
3. Irrigation systems that are connected to private wells.
4. The installation and repair of an irrigation system downstream of an existing backflow preventer (central potable water supply) regardless of compensation.

If irrigation work is done under one of the above exclusions, then a licensed electrical or low voltage contractor must perform all electrical work associated with the irrigation system.

Other than bona-fide agricultural uses, irrigation systems that incorporate application of chemicals or fertilizer shall only be installed, or existing irrigation systems retrofitted, by a licensed irrigation sprinkler contractor.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given the effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provision of this act are declared severable.

DONE AND ORDAINED this 8th day of February, 2011, in regular session by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners in Bushnell, Florida.

ATTEST: GLORIA HAYWARD
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Deputy Clerk

Don Burgess, Chairman

(SEAL)

Approved as to Legal Form:

County Attorney