



City of Punta Gorda Local License Update: July 8, 2024

HB 735 (2021) — Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing SB 1142

The city would like to advise our customers that the governor signed SB 1142, on May 24, 2024 which extends the sunset period another year for some local licenses. Please note the following changes and timelines below.

Effective July 1, 2024, Certificate of Competency will not be required and city licensure renewal notices will not be sent to the contractors for the following categories:

- Acoustical Ceiling
- Insulation/Acoustical
- Ceramic tile/Marble/Terrazzo
- Paving Contractor
- Paving/Asphalt
- Fences
- Painting

Note: PERMITS ARE STILL REQUIRED for all fences (including those for pool barriers) and Asphalt/ Paving

The following local certificate of competency registrations that will sunset next year on July 1, 2025:

- Building movers
- Cabinet and trim carpentry
- Concrete place and finish
- Grade, fill & clear
- Shed tie down
- Swimming pool shell
- Sign contractor

After July 1, 2025, any scope of work under these licenses that requires a City permit will necessitate obtaining a state-certified license through DBPR or be working directly for a state-certified contractor, either as an employee or subcontractor, in compliance with Florida Statute 489.113(2).

Example: After July 1, 2025, the cabinet and trim carpentry license will sunset. While no license will be needed for installing cabinets and trim, exterior soffit installation, which requires a permit, will mandate a state-certified license by DBPR or employment/subcontracting with a state-certified contractor, according to Florida Statute 489.113(2).



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The city will continue to reciprocate local licenses that substantially correspond to the State of Florida DBPR categories.

Florida Statutes 489.113(2): A person must be certified or registered in order to engage in the business of contracting in this state. However, for purposes of complying with the provisions of this chapter, a subcontractor who is not certified or registered may perform construction work under the supervision of a person who is certified or registered, provided that the work is within the scope of the supervising contractor's license, the supervising contractor is responsible for the work, and the subcontractor being supervised is not engaged in construction work that would require a license as a contractor under any of the categories listed in s. 489.105(3)(d)-(o).