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ORDINANCE NO.: 94-04

AN ORDINANCE SETTING UP A LICENSING PROGRAM TO REGULATE CONTRACTORS IN LIBERTY COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS OF VARIOUS KINDS OF CONTRACTORS, REGISTRATION, BOARD, AND RELATED DEFINITIONS; CREATING THE LIBERTY COUNTY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAID BOARD; PRESCRIBING QUALIFICATIONS AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION OF CONTRACTORS; PROVIDING FOR THE RENEWAL THEREOF AND MAKING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SAID PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF FEES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND MAKING PROVISION FOR THE USE AND DISPOSITION THEREOF; MAKING CERTAIN ACTS UNLAWFUL AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR DUE PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

There is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances of Liberty County a new ordinance pertaining to Contractors to provide a Licensing Program, and related regulations to read as follows:

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

A. "Contractor" means, except those herein exempted, and unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, any person who, for compensation, undertakes to, or submits a bid to, or does himself or by others, construct, repair, alter, remodel, add to, subtract from, or improve, any building or structure, including related improvements to real estate for others, or for resale to others. "Contractors" are subdivided into categories as follows:

1. "General Contractor" means a contractor whose services are unlimited as to

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the type of work which he may do as set forth in subsection above.

2. "Building Contractor" means a contractor whose services are limited to construction of commercial buildings and single-family or multiple-family residential buildings, which commercial or residential building does not exceed three stories in height, and accessory use structures in connection therewith or a contractor whose services are limited to remodeling, repair, or improvement of any size building if the services do not affect the structural members of the building.
3. "Residential Contractor" means a contractor whose services are limited to the construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of one-family, two-family, or three-family residences not exceeding two stories in height and accessory use structures in connection therewith.
4. "Sheet Metal Contractor" means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the sheet metal trade and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill necessary for the manufacture, fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, dismantling, conditioning, adjustment, insulation, alteration, repair, servicing, or design, when not prohibited by law, or ferrous or nonferrous metal work of U.S. 10 gauge or its equivalent or lighter gauge and of other materials, including but not limited to, fiberglass, used in lieu thereof and of air-handling systems, including the setting of air-handling equipment and reinforcement of same and including the balance of air-handling systems.
5. "Roofing Contractor" means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the

roofing trade and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, and use materials and items used in the installation, maintenance, extension, and alteration of all kinds of roofing, waterproofing, and coating, repair, waterproof, stop leaks, or extend the life of the roof.

6. "Class A Air Conditioning Contractor" means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, central air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work with a complete system only to the extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is necessary to make complete an air-distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems, and all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes, vessels and ducts, pressure and process piping, and pneumatic controls; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low voltage heating, ventilating, and air conditioning control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also include any excavation work incidental

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thereto, but shall not include any work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas lines within a building, potable waterlines or connections, thereto, sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool piping and filters, or other electrical power wiring.

7. "Class B Air Conditioning Contractor" means a contractor whose services are limited to 25 tons of cooling and 500,000 BTU of heating in any one system in the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, central air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work in connection with a complete system only to the extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is necessary to make complete an air-distribution system being installed under this classification; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, piping and insulation of pipes, vessels, and ducts; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low voltage heating, ventilating, and air conditioning control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also include any excavation work incidental thereto, but shall not include any work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines within a building, potable waterlines, or connections thereto, sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool piping and filters, or electrical

power wiring.

8. "Mechanical Contractor" means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, central air conditioning, refrigeration, heating and ventilating systems, including duct work in connection with a complete system only to the extent such duct work is performed by the contractor as is necessary to make complete an air-distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems, lift station equipment and piping, and all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, when not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes, vessels and ducts, pressure and process piping, pneumatic control piping, gasoline tanks and pump installations and piping for same, standpipes, air piping, vacuum line piping, oxygen lines, nitrous oxide piping, ink and chemical lines, fuel transmission lines, and natural gas lines within building; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low voltage heating, ventilating, and air conditioning control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such contractor shall also include any excavation work incidental thereto, but shall

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not include any work such as liquefied gas fuel lines within buildings, potable waterlines or connections thereto, sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool piping and filters, or electrical wiring.

9. "Commercial Pool/Spa Contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair, water treatment, and servicing of any swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, whether public, private or otherwise, regardless of use. The scope of such work includes a layout, excavation, operation of construction pumps for dewatering purposes, steelwork, installation of light niches, construction of floors, guniting, fiberglassing, installation of tile and coping, installation of all perimeter and filter piping, installation of all filter equipment and chemical feeders of any type, plastering of the interior, construction of decks, construction of equipment rooms or housing for pool equipment, and installation of package pool heaters. However, the scope of work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or a potable water waterline.
10. "Residential Pool/Spa Contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair, water treatment, and servicing of any residential swimming pool or hot tub or spa, regardless of use. The scope of such work includes layout, excavation, operation of construction pumps for dewatering purposes, steelwork, installation of light niches, construction of floors, guniting, fiberglassing, installation of tile and coping, installation of all perimeter and filter piping, installation of all filter

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equipment and chemical feeders of any type, plastering of the interior, construction of decks, installation of housing for pool equipment, and installation of package pool heaters. However, the scope of such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable waterlines.

11. "Swimming Pool/Spa Servicing Contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work involves the servicing, repair, water treatment, including, but not limited to, the direct infusion of chlorine gas, and maintenance of any swimming pool or hot tub or spa, whether public or private. The scope of such work may include any necessary piping and repairs, replacement and repair of existing equipment, or installation of any additional equipment as necessary. The scope of such work includes the reinstallation of tile and coping, repair and repair and replacement of all piping, filter equipment, and chemical feeders of any type, replastering, reconstruction of decks, and reinstallation or addition of pool heaters.
12. "Plumbing Contractor" means a contractor whose contracting business consists of the execution of contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, alter, extend, or when not prohibited by law, design plumbing. A plumbing contractor may install, maintain, repair, alter, extend, or, when not prohibited by law, design the following without obtaining any additional local regulatory license, certificate or registration; sanitation drainage or storm drainage facilities; venting systems, public or

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private water supply systems; septic tanks; drainage and supply wells; swimming pool piping; irrigation systems; or solar water heating systems and all apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith, including boilers and pressure process piping and including the installation of water, natural gas (excluding liquid petroleum gases), and storm and sanitary sewer lines; and water and sewer plants and substations. The scope of work of the plumbing contractor also includes the design, when not prohibited by law, and installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, or extension of air-piping, vacuum line piping, oxygen line piping, nitrous oxide piping, and all related medical gas systems; fire line standpipes and fire sprinklers to the extent authorized by law; ink and chemical lines; fuel oil and gasoline piping and tank and pump installation, except bulk storage plants; and pneumatic control piping system, all in such a manner as to comply with all plans, specifications, codes, laws and regulations applicable. The scope of the plumbing contractor shall apply to private property and public property, shall include any excavation work incidental thereto, and shall include the work of the specialty contractor. Such contractor shall subcontract, with a qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work incidental to the work but which is specified herein as being incidental to the work but which is specified herein as being the work of a trade other than that of the plumbing contractor. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to require certification or registration under this part of any authorized employee of a public natural gas utility or a private natural gas

utility regulated by the Public Service Commission when disconnecting and reconnecting water lines in the servicing or replacement of any existing water hater.

13. "Electrical Contractor" or "Unlimited Electrical Contractor" means a person who conducts business in the electrical trade field and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, repair, alter, add to, or design, in compliance with the law, electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances, apparatus, raceways, conduit, or any part thereof, which generates, transmits, transforms, or utilizes electrical energy in any form, including the electrical installation and systems within plants and substations, all in compliance with applicable plans, specifications, codes, laws, and regulations. The term means any person, firm, or corporation that engages in the business of electrical contracting under an express or implied contract; or that undertakes, offers to undertake, purports to have the capacity to undertake, or submits a bid to engage in the business of electrical contracting; or that does itself or by or through others engage in the business of electrical contracting.
14. "Electrical Specialty Contractor" means a contractor whose scope of practice is limited to a specific segment of electrical or alarm contracting, but not limited to, residential electrical contracting, maintenance of electrical fixtures, installation and maintenance of electrical outdoor advertising signs together with the interrelated parts and supports thereof. Categories of specialty electrical contractor shall be established by board rule.

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15. "Specialty Contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work and responsibility is limited to a particular phase of construction or whose scope of work is limited to a subset of the activities described in the categories established in Section I(A). Specialty contractors shall not be required to pass an examination.
- B. "Board" means the Liberty County Construction Industry Licensing Board created hereby unless the context otherwise requires.
- C. "Contracting" means, except as herein exempted, engaging in business as a contractor.
- D. "Registration" means registration with the Board as provided herein.
- E. "Register" means the act of obtaining evidence of registration with the Board as provided herein.
- F. "Registrant" means a person who has registered with the Board.

SECTION II: ORGANIZATION

- A. There is hereby created a Construction Industry Licensing Board of Liberty County, Florida, which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each Commissioner of the Board of County Commissioners shall nominate one (1) person to serve on the Construction Industry Licensing Board. The nomination shall be subject to the confirmation of a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. In addition to these appointments, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint two (2) persons to serve on the Enforcement Board as at-large appointments. All members of the

Enforcement Board may be appointed at-large by Commissioners, but must be residents of Liberty County, Florida.

B. The initial appointments to the Enforcement Bard shall be as follows:

1. Two (2) members appointed for a term of one (1) year each.
2. Three (3) members appointed for a term of two (2) years each.
3. Two (2) members appointed for a term of three (3) years each.
4. Thereafter, any appointment shall be made for a term of three (3) years. Any members may be reappointed upon approval of the Board of County Commissioners as provided for herein.

C. The Board shall meet regularly as the need presents itself. The Board shall elect officers from its membership, whose terms shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which they are elected to serve. Special meetings of the Board may be held as the Board provides in its rules and regulations. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. The Board is authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations not in conflict with other ordinances of the County or State law. Any member of the Board may administer oaths and take testimony about all matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Building Official shall act as the Clerk of the Board and shall keep, maintain, and preserve a current list of all persons registered with the Board, shall issue written evidence of registration with the Board and perform the normal duties of a Clerk and such duties as the Board may reasonably require.

D. All money collected by the Board shall be received, deposited, expended and

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accounted for pursuant to law. The actual and necessary expenses of the Board in the administration of this ordinance shall be paid from the money collected under the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION III: REGISTRATION

- A. Within 90 days after the effective date of this ordinance, all personnel contracting in Liberty County, Florida shall register with the Board in the proper classification unless they are already certified by the Florida Construction Licensing Board. To be registered with the Board the applicant shall provide evidence to the Building Official that the applicant has worked as a contractor in Liberty County since January 1, 1992. Evidence shall be the issuance of at least one county building permit each calendar year in the name of the applicant as a contractor. Specialty contractors who, because their work fell within the supervision of a contractor or owner-builder, were not issued building permits shall submit as evidence four (4) letters of recommendation. Each letter shall concern itself with a different job upon which the specialty contractor has worked.
- B. Persons who can not meet the conditions of the preceding section, but desire to enter the business of contracting in Liberty County, shall register with said Board in the proper classification under one of the following provisions:
 1. File with the Board evidence of successful compliance with the license requirements for a contractor of another county or municipality in this state which has examination and licensing requirements as a pre-requisite to the issuance of said license.

2. File with the Board evidence of having passed a competency examination from a testing agency approved by the Board. Examinations shall be held at times and places outside the county. Each applicant shall take a written examination about his or her fitness for each category in which the applicant wishes to register. The examination shall cover knowledge of basic principles of contracting and construction applicable to the category for which registration is requested. A passing grade on the examination shall be 70%.
3. Specialty contractors shall not be required to pass an examination but shall present as proof of competency four (4) letters of recommendation. Each letter shall concern itself with a different job upon which the specialty contractor has worked.

C. Registration permits the registrant to engage in contracting in Liberty County only for the type of work covered by the registration.

D. As a prerequisite to registration, the Board shall require the applicant to submit satisfactory evidence that he has obtained public liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000.00 and property damage insurance in the amount of \$25,000.00 or the minimum amount of liability and property damage insurance required for registration with the State of Florida Department of Professional Regulation, whichever is the largest. Specialty contractors are required to carry the amount of insurance as set by the State of Florida.

E. When an individual proposes to do business in his own name, registration, when granted shall be issued only to that individual.

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F. If the applicant proposing to engage in contracting is a partnership, corporation, business trust, or other legal entity, the application shall state the name of the partnership and of its partners, or the name of the corporation and of its offices and directors, or the name of the business trust and its trustees, or the name of such other legal entity and its members, and furnish evidence of statutory compliance if a fictitious name is used. Such application shall also show that the person applying for the examination is legally qualified to act for the business organization in all matters connected with its contracting business; and that he has the authority to supervise the construction undertaken by such business corporation. The registration, when issued upon application of a business organization, shall be in the name of such business organization and the name of the qualifying individual or individuals shall be noted thereon.

G. At least one member or supervising employee of such business organization shall be registered under this ordinance in order for the business organization to hold a current registration in the category of the business conducted for which the member or supervising employee is qualified. If an individual so qualified on behalf of such business organization ceases to be affiliated with such business organization he shall promptly inform the Board. In addition, if such individual is the only qualified individual affiliated with the business organization, the business organization shall notify the Board of the individual's termination and shall have a period of 60 days from the termination of the individual's affiliation with the business organization in which to qualify another person under the provisions of

this ordinance, failing which, the registration of the business organization shall terminate and the business organization shall be required to register with the Board in the proper classification supplying the same information to the Board required for applicants.

H. Registrations shall expire annually at midnight on September 30.

1. Failure to renew the registration during September shall cause the registration to become inoperative, and it is unlawful thereafter for any person to engage or offer to engage or hold himself out as engaging in contracting under the registration unless the registration is restored or reissued.
2. A registration which is inoperative because of failure to renew shall be restored on payment of the proper registration fee, if the application for restoration is made within 90 days after such September 30th. If the application for registration is not made within the 90 day period, the fee for restoration shall be double the registration fee; and in addition the Board may require re-examination of the applicant.

I. The board shall impose and collect the following fee(s):

1. The annual fees shall be as follows:

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| a. General Contractor | \$150.00 |
| b. Building Contractor | 150.00 |
| c. Residential Contractor | 150.00 |
| d. Roofing Contractor | 75.00 |
| e. Class A Air Condition Contractor | 75.00 |
| f. Class B Air Condition Contractor | 50.00 |
| g. Commercial & Residential Contractor | 75.00 |
| h. Pool & Spa Contractor | 75.00 |
| i. Plumbing Contractor | 75.00 |
| j. Electrical Contractor | 75.00 |

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Specialty Contractors to include but not limit to:

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| k. Framing Contractor | \$ 50.00 |
| l. Masonry Contractor | 50.00 |
| m. Tile Contractor | 50.00 |
| n. Cement - Concrete Contractor | 50.00 |
| o. Painting Contractor | 50.00 |
| p. Insulating Contractor | 50.00 |
| q. Vinyl Siding Contract | 50.00 |
| r. Piling Installation Wood/concrete | 50.00 |
| s. Trim Carpentry Contractor | 50.00 |
| t. Drywall Contractor | 50.00 |
| u. Stucco Contractor | 50.00 |

2. Any funds received by the Board from registration fees will be paid into the general revenue fund of Liberty County, Florida.

J. This ordinance does not apply to those exempted from the provisions of Florida Statute 489.103 thereof.

K. Nothing herein shall be construed to require general contractors, building contractors, or residential contractors to obtain additional licenses for specialty work where such specialty work is performed by employees of such contractors on projects for which they have substantially full responsibility, and such contractors do not hold themselves out to the public as being specialty contractors.

SECTION IV: VIOLATIONS

It shall be unlawful and a violation of this Ordinance for any person to:

A. Engage in business or act in the capacity of a contractor or advertise himself or a business organization as available to engage in the business or act in the capacity of a contractor without being duly registered or certified; including to:

1. Falsely hold himself or a business organization out as a licensee, certificate holder, or registrant.
2. Falsely impersonate a certificate holder or registrant.
3. Present as his own the certificate or registration of another.
4. Give false or forged evidence to the board of a member thereof for the purpose of obtaining a certificate or registration.
5. Use or attempt to use a certificate or registration which has been suspended or revoked.
6. Operate a business organization engaged in contracting after 60 days following the termination of its only qualifying agent without designating another primary qualifying agent.
7. Commence or perform work for which a building permit is required pursuant to an adopted state minimum building code without such building permit being in effect.
8. Willfully or deliberately disregard or violate any county ordinance relating to uncertified or unregistered contractors.

SECTION V: ENFORCEMENT

- A. The Board hereby designates the Building Inspector as the code enforcement officer as defined in Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, to enforce the provisions of section 489.127(1) and 489.132(1), Florida Statutes, against persons engaging in activities for which certification is required by Liberty County.
- B. The Building Inspector may issue a citation for any violation of section 489.127(1)

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or section 489.132(1) whenever, based upon personal investigation, the code enforcement officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that such a violation has occurred.

1. A citation issued by a code enforcement officer shall be in a form prescribed by Liberty County and shall state:
 - a. The time and date of issuance.
 - b. The name and address of the person to whom the citation is issued.
 - c. The time and date of the violation.
 - d. A brief description of the violation and the facts constituting reasonable cause.
 - e. The name of the code enforcement officer.
 - f. The procedure for the person to follow in order to pay the civil penalty or to contest the citation.
 - g. The applicable civil penalty if the person elects not to contest the citation.
- C. The act for which the citation is issued shall be ceased upon receipt of the citation; and the person charged with the violation shall elect either to correct the violation and pay the civil penalty in the manner indicated on the citation or, within 10 days of receipt of the citation, exclusive of weekends and legal holidays, request an administrative hearing to appeal the issuance of the citation by the code enforcement officer.
 1. Hearings shall be held before an enforcement or licensing board or designated special master as established by section 162.03(2) and such

hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the requirements of sections 162.07 and 162.08.

2. Failure of a violator to appeal the decision of the code enforcement officer within the time period set forth in this section shall constitute a waiver of the violator's right to an administrative hearing. A waiver of the right to an administrative hearing shall be deemed an admission of the violation and penalties may be imposed accordingly.
3. If the person issued the citation, or his designated representative, shows that the citation is invalid or that the violation has been corrected prior to appearing before the enforcement or licensing board or designated special master, the enforcement or licensing board or designated special master shall dismiss the citation unless the violation is irreparable or irreversible.
4. Each day a willful, knowing violation continues shall constitute a separate offense under the provisions of this subsection.

D. A person cited for a violation pursuant to this subsection is deemed to be charged with a noncriminal infraction.

E. If the enforcement or licensing board or designated special master finds that a violation exists, the enforcement or licensing board or designated special master may order the violator to pay a civil penalty of not more than \$5000 for each violation. In determining the amount of the penalty, the enforcement or licensing board or designated special master shall consider the following factors:

1. The gravity of the violation.

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2. Any actions taken by the violator to correct the violation.
3. Any previous violations committed by the violator.

F. Upon written notification by the code enforcement officer that a violator had not contested the citation or paid the civil penalty within the time frame allowed on the citation, or if a violation has not been corrected within the time frame set forth on the notice of violation, the enforcement or licensing board or the designated special master shall enter an order ordering the violator to pay the civil penalty set forth on the citation or notice of violation, and a hearing shall not be necessary for the issuance of such order.

G. A certified copy of an order imposing a civil penalty against an uncertified contractor may be recorded in the public records and thereafter shall constitute a lien against any real or personal property owned by the violator. Upon petition to the circuit court, such order may be enforced in the same manner as a court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including a levy against personal property; however, such order shall not be deemed to be a court judgment except for enforcement purposes. A civil penalty imposed pursuant to this part shall continue to accrue until the violator comes into compliance or until judgment is rendered in a suit to foreclose on a lien filed pursuant to this section, whichever occurs first. After 3 months from the filing of any such lien which remains unpaid, the Board of County Commissioners may authorize the County Attorney to foreclose on the lien. No lien created pursuant to the provision of this part may be foreclosed on real property which is a homestead under section 4, Article X of

the State Constitution.

- H. This subsection does not authorize or permit a code enforcement officer to perform any function or duty of a law enforcement officer other than a function or duty that is authorized in this subsection.
- I. An aggrieved party, including Liberty County, may appeal a final administrative order of an enforcement board or licensing board or designated special master to the circuit court. Such an appeal shall not be a hearing *de novo* but shall be limited to appellate review of the record created before the enforcement board or licensing board or designated special master. An appeal shall be filed within 30 days of the execution of the order to be appealed.
- J. All notices required by this subsection shall be provided to the alleged violator by certified mail, return receipt requested, by hand delivery by the sheriff or other law enforcement officer or code enforcement officer; by leaving the notice at the violator's usual place of residence with some person of his family above 15 years of age and informing such person of the contents of the notice; or by including a hearing date within the citation.
- K. Any person who willfully refuses to sign and accept a citation issued by a code enforcement officer commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in section 775.082 or section 775.083, F.S.
- L. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit Liberty County from enforcing its codes or ordinances by any other means.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Vernon Ross

ATTEST:

By: John T. Sanders, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners,

Liberty County, Florida

day of October, 1994.

DUPLY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners this 10

provided by law.

This ordinance shall take effect when its passage, approval and publication as

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby subordinated to the provisions of this ordinance, or repealed, to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION VII: REPEAL

or invalid.

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional.

SECTION VI: SEVERABILITY

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