

FW: Contractor licensing requirements

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Members of Council:

This evening, you'll be voting on an ordinance which tightens the requirements for contractor licensing in Laramie. I opposed the original licensing ordinance (and its requirement that only licensed contractors be able to pull permits), on the grounds that it would make it difficult, if not impossible, to perform maintenance on one's own property and would substantially raise the cost of housing. These predictions have proven to be accurate. One has to wait weeks to have maintenance performed, even in emergency situations, and general contractors for new building projects, renovations, or improvements are so hard to find that the licensed general contractors that exist are turning away massive amounts of work. They are also complaining of over-regulation by the City because they are unable to find and hire subcontractors.

The ordinance that will come before you tonight would tighten the noose yet more by creating barriers to entry for experienced contractors who have worked under general contractors and wish to become general contractors. This is not what we need; it will further raise the costs of building, maintenance, and improvements and impede the development of affordable housing (one of Council's stated goals). Please - instead of further restricting contractors, direct staff to bring you an ordinance which liberalizes licensing requirements and makes it possible to increase the availability of licensed contractors. Also, please consider adding provisions that allow a building superintendent or manager to pull permits for a rental property - something that is allowed in virtually every Wyoming city other than ours. Your consideration of the interests of citizens will be much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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