

Community Development & Environmental Services



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Building Review & Permitting Director Bill Hammond

This department is the “hub” of the permit cycle. All construction permits are applied for and issued by this department. The department is responsible for providing customers with information, as well as conducting professional reviews of building permit applications and plans. The reviews cover a variety of state laws and local codes, designated to ensure life safety and energy efficiency as well as compliance with structural, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, zoning, handicapped, swimming pool, coastal construction and flood zone regulations. The department is also responsible for scheduling, performing and recording the results of inspections. The contractor licensing section issues licenses to county and state contractors, investigates unlicensed contractors, as well as complaints of poor workmanship. Investigations have resulted in a return of more than \$1 million to the citizens of Collier County.

Code Enforcement

Director Michelle Edwards-Arnold

Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcement of county ordinances related to environmental and land use issues, such as pollution, landscape violations, signage, setbacks and illegal uses. The code officer

investigates complaints and works with property owners to fix problems. When violations are not corrected in a timely fashion, cases can be referred to the Code Enforcement Board or special master.

Comprehensive Planning - Director Randy Cohen
Staff provides information pertaining to demographics to the public and participates in various community projects in an effort to create a guide for growth and enhance the quality and character of neighborhoods. Staff also prepares and implements plans ranging from the Golden Gate Area Master Plan to the Collier County Growth Management Plan which is the comprehensive long range plan required by the State of Florida.

Engineering – Director Tom Kuck

Staff is responsible for the engineering review and inspection of infrastructure construction and development, including all construction documents for subdivisions, site development plans, site development amendments and infrastructure improvements, while ensuring that all projects meet federal, state, and county regulations. The department also provides inspections on excavation of lakes, blasting and installation of wells. Annually, the department reviews and approves construction documents and

plans for subdivisions and provides more than 225,000 inspections for residential homes and site development plans.

Environmental Services – Director Bill Lorenz
Committed to achieving efficient, balanced and sustainable use of natural resources, staff conducts environmental reviews for all developments within the county.

Operational Support

The Operational Support Department is one of the most diverse departments. It encompasses functions related to utility regulation, cable franchise administration, graphics support, addressing, records management/switchboard and scanning/digital conversion.

Zoning & Land Development Review

Director Susan Istenes

Staff provides information pertaining to land use ordinances, zoning, permitting, engineering, development standards and demographics to the public, and participates in various community projects in an effort to create a guide for growth and enhance the quality and character of neighborhoods. Additionally, staff develops architectural and site design guidelines for commercial buildings, as well as analyzes and reviews petitions for the creation of community development districts. Annually, the department coordinates with the BCC to make amendments to the Land Development Code regarding architectural standards, landscaping and PUDs.

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