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PBC Building Division Continues to Rank Among the Best in the Nation
Superior Rating Means Lower Insurance Rates

In the recent evaluation of the quality of building code enforcement activities by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), the Palm Beach County Building Division retained its superior rating of 2 on the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) for both residential and commercial permitting and inspection.

On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being the highest possible rating, the Building Division's rating puts it among the best in the nation. This high ranking equates to lower insurance rates for residents of unincorporated Palm Beach County because the Building Division's activities are deemed by ISO to be well enforced and up to date.

According to ISO data, of the more than 8,000 building departments surveyed in the United States, only about150 earned an equivalent classification. Nationwide, there are only four departments with a higher residential ranking and five with a higher commercial ranking than the Palm Beach County Building Division.

ISO provides advisory insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. For insurers who use the ISO rating program, credits may be applied to new construction projects that have been issued a certificate of occupancy subsequent to the ranking.

For more information on the Insurance Services Office and its Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule, please visit the following website: isomitigation.com/bcegs/0000/bcegs0001.html

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