



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2009
TO: Finance & Administration Committee
FROM: Linda Ruffing, City Manager
SUBJECT: **Issues Raised by Mendocino Licensed Contractor's Association**

Issues:

1. Business Directory on Fort Bragg.com website: listings for "contractors" should state either "not a California state licensed contractor" or CA contractor's license #. State contractors laws require licensed contractors to include their license number on all forms of advertising.
2. City business license numbers (five digit) are often used by unlicensed contractors to deceive customers into believing they are dealing with a legitimate contractor.
3. Building Permits – Building permit requires either a licensed contractor number or a signed "owner/builder certification." Unlicensed contractors often have property owners sign the owner/builder certification on the permit. Need to educate public on risks associated with using unlicensed contractors.
4. Enforcement – State is responsible for enforcement of contractor laws. Need to work with District Attorney's office to ensure that violators are prosecuted.