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Sinkhole / Foundation Repairs

The following are the minimum requirements per the 2017 Florida Building Code, effective December 31, 2017.

2017 Florida Building Code, SECTION 110 INSPECTIONS. [A] 110.2 Preliminary inspection. Before issuing a permit, the building official is authorized to examine or cause to be examined buildings, structures and sites for which an application has been filed. SECTION 1803 GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS, 1803.1 General. Geotechnical investigations shall be conducted in accordance with Section 1803.2 and reported in accordance with Section 1803.6. Where required by the building official or where geotechnical investigations involve in-situ testing, laboratory testing or engineering calculations, such investigations shall be conducted by a registered design professional. 1803.2 Investigations required. Geotechnical investigations shall be conducted in accordance with Sections 1803.3 through 1803.5, and 1803.6 Reporting. Where geotechnical investigations are required, a written report of the investigations shall be submitted to the building official by the permit applicant at the time of permit application. SECTION 1810 DEEP FOUNDATIONS, 1810.1 General. Deep foundations shall be analyzed, designed, detailed and installed in accordance with Sections 1810.1 through 1810.4, and 1810.1.1 Geotechnical investigation. Deep foundations shall be designed and installed on the basis of a geotechnical investigation as set forth in Section 1803.

To meet these minimum Florida Building Code requirements, the following are required for sinkhole or foundation repair permits:

- Contact your property insurance agent or company first.
- A special inspector will be required to perform a geotechnical inspection and provide a geotechnical report.
- Once the geotechnical investigation is completed, the registered design professional and the licensed contractor will submit the geotechnical report with all recommended repair plans, specifications, and a complete foundation repair permit application.
- The design professional will provide the asbuilt plans and all related special inspection reports that occur during the sinkhole repair, foundation repair, or piling placement process. All special inspection reports, documents, and asbuilt plans are required to be submitted to the Building Division at the completion of the project. The Building Division does not perform these types of special inspections.

** Note: This checklist shows the minimum requirements to be provided per the current Florida Building Code, this does not include requirements by other city divisions.