

IC 22-11-3.1

Chapter 3.1. Licensing of Contractors in Lake and Porter Counties

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"Contractor" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "contractor" means any person, except a licensed architect or registered professional engineer, who in any capacity other than as the employee of another for wages as the sole compensation, undertakes to construct, alter, repair, move, wreck, or demolish any structure. The term includes a subcontractor or specialty contractor, but does not include a person who furnishes materials or supplies.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.127.

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Bond requirement; filing

Sec. 2. (a) A contractor doing work, other than work for a political subdivision, in a county having a population of:

- (1) more than four hundred thousand (400,000), but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000); or
- (2) more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000);

must obtain a unified license bond as provided in this chapter. This unified license bond is in lieu of any other bond for this type of work required by the county or a city or town within that county, and the bond must be in an amount equal to five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(b) The unified license bond shall be held for compliance with the ordinances and regulations governing business in the county, or a city or town within that county. The unified license bond required by this chapter shall be filed with the county recorder.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.127. Amended by Acts 1982, P.L.1, SEC.52; P.L.12-1992, SEC.121; P.L.170-2002, SEC.127; P.L.119-2012, SEC.157.

IC 22-11-3.1-3

License to do business not prohibited; fees; limits

Sec. 3. This chapter does not prohibit a county having a unified license bond, or a city or town within that county, from requiring licenses to do business in that county, city or town. However, the initial license fee charged by a county, or a city or town within that county, may not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) and the license renewal fee may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.127.

IC 22-11-3.1-4

Duration of license; annual renewal fee not prohibited

Sec. 4. A license issued by a county having a unified license bond or a city or town within that county is valid until the contractor to whom the license was issued fails to perform any work under that

license for a period of five (5) years, in which case the license expires. This section does not prohibit a county, or a city or town within that county, having a unified license bond from requiring an annual renewal fee in accordance with section 3 of this chapter.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.127.

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Expiration of license; reapplication

Sec. 5. If a contractor who is issued a license in a county having a unified license bond allows his license to expire, he may be required by the county, or a city or town within that county, which issued the license to reapply for a new license.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.127.

IC 22-11-3.1-6

Holders of valid licenses; reapplication not required; chapter applicable

Sec. 6. A contractor who on January 1, 1980, had a valid license issued by a county, or a city or town within that county, is not required to reapply for a license, but all other provisions of this chapter are applicable to that contractor.

As added by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.127.